THE TIMES

20p

No. 65,475

SATURDAY JANUARY 13 1996

20p TODAY

STARTING TODAY

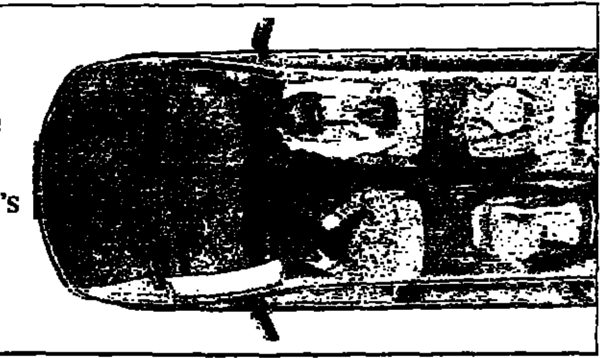
- In *Weekend*, our exclusive serialisation of *Elizabeth*, Sarah Bradford's biography of the Queen
- From an acclaimed royal biographer, an intimate and authoritative account of a wife, mother and monarch

INSIDE

- Part one: Portrait of a very royal marriage
- A dominant, difficult man and the woman with whom he found love, loyalty and independence

Win a Honda Shuttle

Details and today's token in CAR 96, page 10



Ministers shoot down Europe's game bird ruling

By James Landale
Political Reporter

MINISTERS are set to defy a new European Union regulation that would wreak havoc on one of Britain's oldest country pursuits — the shooting of game birds such as pheasant and partridge.

Landowners and gamekeepers on estates across the country will breathe a sigh of relief after the Government indicated this week that it will not enforce a Brussels ban on a drug that prevents wasting diseases in game birds. The unprecedented move marks the first time that the Government has publicly admitted that it is willing to ignore a European law.

Until now, Britain has held an exemplary record in enforcing EU law more strictly than many of its European allies, and the admission apparently signals a landmark change in the Government's attitude to Brussels legislation.

The move will also be welcomed by many Eurosceptic MPs who have consistently demanded less stringent implementation of unpopular regulations.

In the past, Tory ministers regularly spent their weekends with dog and shotgun in hand, bagging pheasants and partridges. Fewer do today — Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, and William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, are three exceptions — and the shooting fraternity can no longer bank on automatic Government support for their industry.

The banned drug, called Emtryl, has been used by most British game breeders for the past 20 years. However, the Government failed to block a European Commission proposal last summer that banned Emtryl after some studies indicated it could cause cancer.

Game breeders say that the ban would be catastrophic for the game shooting business which is worth about £294 million each year and supports 13,000 jobs. In a written Commons answer last October, the Government admitted that the ban could wipe out about ten million birds.

The latest admission came in a little-noticed reply in the Lords this week by Lord Lucas, the Government agriculture spokesman. He was responding to a question tabled by Lord Stockton, the grandson of Harold Macmillan, who asked for assurances that no action would be taken against game farmers and game breeders who use Emtryl during the new breeding season. Lord Lucas said: "We have no knowledge whatever of game breeders who are using or intend to use Emtryl during this breeding season; but we have no plans to police the matter either."

Lord Pearson, a veteran Tory Euro-sceptic who has been pushing the Government to clarify the issue, said: "It does appear that this is the first time that the Government is prepared to turn a blind eye to European legislation as our European partners do every week."

But Peter Dixon, a European Commission spokesman, said it is the responsibility of all member states to ensure that EU rules are observed. However, the Government is unlikely to be taken to the European Court of Justice.

Government scientists believe that Emtryl is not as dangerous as the Commission says, and that is is safe in small doses. "We are certainly dealing with the issue as a matter of urgency," a government spokesman said.

Commission scientists argued that Emtryl was dangerous to humans who eat game because it could mutate genetic structures and was mildly carcinogenic.

The Government's announcement effectively gives the green light to hundreds of anxious pheasant and partridge breeders across the country who have been uncertain whether they can use Emtryl during the breeding season, which starts at the end of the month.

Mark Sumner-Wilson, head gamekeeper of a commercial estate in Essex, however, gave a warning that Brussels might try to stop the export of game reared on the drug.

Thatcher blast fails to unnerve Major

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

JOHN MAJOR responded yesterday to Baroness Thatcher's broadside against his Government by telling her that he would not be budged from the course on which he had embarked.

Rejecting her calls for a more right-wing agenda and her assault on One Nation Toryism, he said: "I will not be pushed off what I believe to be right."

As the Government made a determined effort to play down the impact of the former Prime Minister's attack on its record, Mr Major followed his own advice of last weekend and avoided engaging in a public argument with her.

Even so, in a brief response during a visit to his Huntingdon constituency, the Prime Minister calmly rejected the main planks of Lady Thatcher's onslaught: her derisive dismissal of the One Nation Conservative tradition and her claim that Mr Major's Government had let down the middle classes.

"We have been a One Nation Conservative Party since the beginning of time and we are now," he said. "I have set out what I believe to be right and I shall fight for what I believe to be right."

Mr Major and some other ministers maintained publicly that Lady Thatcher's wide-ranging critique was aimed at Labour and not at the Government. He suggested that she must have been baffled by some of the things she read in the newspapers yesterday.

However, given the fact that only a small part of the speech was about Labour, that the Tory Left denounced it and the Right applauded it, it was not an argument that, privately, ministers or their spin doctors were trying to maintain.

Instead, Mr Major, Dr Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, and their colleagues decided that the less said about her speech at the Centre for Policy Studies the better. Mr Major was careful not to inflame the situation and made no direct criticism of his predecessor.

Lady Thatcher, he said, was a very important part of the Conservative Party. "The Conservative Party, as I have been saying for a long time, is a broad church. Every part of that Conservative Party has an input into that policy. When we have that input into our policy, we set out what it is and we live and we win in the Centre Right of politics."

Dismissing her claims that the Tories were failing the middle classes, he added: "What you need to deliver prosperity is a secure economy that is going to last, and we have delivered one out of a very difficult recession. Here and abroad we have now delivered a platform of prosperity that we have not seen equalled in this country for two decades and I am going to build on that platform of prosperity and I do not intend to be pushed off it."

Mr Major was irritated but unsurprised by the intervention from Lady Thatcher. Ministers felt that her remarks about One Nation Toryism were a misjudgment, but the most damaging were those about the disappointment of the middle classes and

Continued on page 2, col 3

Simon Jenkins and Roger Scruton, page 20
Letters, page 21

GILL ALLEN

Miss Cousins, flanked by her parents, appeals yesterday to teenagers not to "dance with death" with Ecstasy

Ecstasy girl says: Never again

By Richard Duce

HELEN COUSINS, the teenager who won a fight for life after taking an Ecstasy tablet, made a public appeal yesterday for other young people to avoid a similar "dance with death".

Miss Cousins, 19, appeared with her parents Janet and Trevor at a press conference at Edith Cavell Hospital in Peterborough to underline the message that drug-taking was not worth the risk.

Mrs Cousins, 51, said: "Helen would like to say that it is when problems like this hit home that you realise Ecstasy is not worth the dance with death." Miss Cousins was asked if she would consider taking Ecstasy once more she whispered: "Never again."

She cannot speak above a whisper after a tracheostemy to help her to breathe during two days in intensive care. She slipped into a coma after taking Ecstasy at a nightclub on New Year's Eve.

The tube was removed yesterday and Miss Cousins, a sales assistant, is expected to be allowed home over the weekend.

Details and voucher, page 15

Simon Jenkins on the seven myths of Thatcherism page 20

Take a friend to the theatre for 30p **Weekend,** page 12

PLUS
The **Magazine**, **1015** for young *Times* readers and **Vision**, the 7-day TV and radio guide

- *The Times is half-price today* to allow more readers to find out why it is Britain's fastest-growing quality newspaper.
- At 645,303, average daily sales were up year-on-year by 46,692 (8 per cent), against a fall in sales for *The Daily Telegraph* of 16,057, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations.
- Readership has also increased to 1,666,000, up 6 per cent over the last six months compared with a year ago according to the latest National Readership Survey. Readership of *The Daily Telegraph* has dropped 5 per cent.
- Find out how you can get *The Times* for 10p on Monday, on page 15.

Bypass police arrest 34

The Battle of Newbury began in earnest when the police arrested 34 bypass protesters and contractors felled more than 300 trees.

After a three-day stand-off, police responded to pressure from local politicians and used the new Criminal Justice Act to make arrests for aggravated trespass..........Page 7

War crimes claim

The United Nations war crimes tribunal, which has representatives in Bosnia, is to investigate allegations that up to 8,000 bodies may be buried in mineshafts in north-west Bosnia guarded by Serb soldiers..........Page 10

Royal stalker freed by magistrate

By Kate Alderson

THE obsessive stalker of the Princess Royal who admitted to police that he had sexual fantasies about her was cleared yesterday of a charge of conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace.

Liverpool magistrates dismissed the case against Bernard Quinn, 53, from Weston-super-Mare, Avon, after evidence from a psychiatrist and police officers who arrested him in Liverpool on Thursday night. Mr Quinn was arrested after displaying a "determination" to approach the Princess and talk to her, the court was told.

Paul Firth, stipendiary magistrate at Liverpool, said a reasonable tribunal could perhaps take the view that an unfortunate scene could have occurred but that would not meet the tests laid down. He said Mr Quinn had no case to answer.

Detective Constable Albert Howard-Murphy saw Mr Quinn in Chapel Street, the first venue in the visit. He asked Mr Quinn why he was in the area. Mr Quinn said he was testing security and that he wanted to ask the Princess a personal question.

DC Howard-Murphy said he was left in no doubt that Mr Quinn wanted to get close to the Princess and was prepared to breach security to do so. After the arrest DC Howard-Murphy talked to Mr Quinn about his obsession. DC Howard-Murphy said: "He told me that he had entertained sexual fantasies about the Princess Royal. He said he had been involved in a motor accident after imagining a session of sex with the Princess." Mr Quinn, a father of two and former chief engineer at Rolls-Royce in Bristol, separated from his wife shortly after his accident.

Quinn: admitted fantasy

Dr James Higgins, a consultant forensic psychiatrist, said Mr Quinn was a schizophrenic with extensive sexual delusory ideas about the Princess. Mr Quinn made it clear to the doctor that he did not intend to harm to the Princess.

☐ Dr Klaus Wagner, 37, from Stratford, east London, was charged with obstructing the highway after waving a placard outside the Harbour Club, Chelsea, where the Princess of Wales is a regular visitor.

Buying The Times overseas
Austria Sch 40; Belgium B Frs 80; Canada $3.25; Canaries Pes 325; Cyprus C£1.20; Denmark Dkr 18.00; Finland Fmk 17.00; France F 14.00; Germany DM 4.50; Gibraltar 90p; Greece Dr 500; Netherlands Fl 4.50; Irish Republic 50p; Italy L 4,500; Luxembourg Lf 60; Madeira Esc 350; Malta 45c; Morocco Dir 27.00; Norway Kr 20.00; Portugal con Esc 350; Spain Pts 325; Sweden Skr 19.50; Switzerland S Frs 4.00; Tunisia Din 2,200; USA $3.50.

WEATHER..........24
CROSSWORD..........24
COURT & SOCIAL..........22
LETTERS..........21
OBITUARIES..........23
SIMON JENKINS..........20
BUSINESS NEWS......25-28, 40,41
WEEKEND MONEY..........29-39
SPORT..........42-48
GARDENING: WEEKEND20, 21
BOOKS: WEEKEND..........12, 13
TRAVEL: WEEKEND..........5-11

British Midland. The world's first airline you can catch using a net.

You can now book and pay for seats on all British Midland flights using the Internet. http://www.iflybritishmidland.com/ (Proof that going up in the world is knowing which buttons to press.)

British Midland

الأصل

THE TIMES ON MONDAY

ELIZABETH AND HER SISTER

Part two of our serialisation of *Elizabeth*, Sarah Bradford's biography of the Queen

PLUS: 11 PAGES OF SPORT

Is the Newcastle challenge crumbling? Andrew Longmore on Newcastle v Coventry

Simon Wilde in South Africa on England's one-day internationals

Edward Gorman on Ben Ainsley, Olympic sailing hope

EVERY DAY NEXT WEEK YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A HONDA SHUTTLE

Britain submits again to Strasbourg human rights judgments

Euro-sceptics denounce court

By Frances Gibb and Jill Sherman

TORY Euro-sceptics were angered yesterday as the Government agreed for a further five years to give British citizens the right to petition the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and to submit to its rulings.

Ministers rejected pressure from Tory rightwingers to withdraw from the court. Britons will continue to have the right to challenge ministers over alleged human rights abuses.

The move coincides with new figures showing a sharp rise in cases going from Britain to the European Commission of Human Rights, the body which acts as the first filter of claims lodged against governments. Sir Teddy Taylor, a leading Euro-sceptic who has consistently questioned the powers of the court, said that he was astonished by the decision and asked why Parliament had not been consulted over it.

"Instead of just interpreting the law, the Court of Human Rights is effectively becoming a decision-maker on vital issues of policy and requiring various member states to throw away the right to decide these for themselves," he said.

"I think it is astonishing and worrying that the decision was made without giving Parliament the opportunity to decide whether they would wish to go ahead or whether the term should be confined to a shorter period." A total of 1,249 files were opened on applications lodged with the commission by British citizens last year, compared with 946 the year before. The numbers have been swelled by claims over courts martial, the poll tax and from gypsies claiming the right to park caravans.

Britain produced the third highest number of applications, coming after Italy and Turkey. In the same year, 11 cases were referred to the court, which found one or more violations in four cases. Another 16 are pending. Over the past 30 years there have been 80 cases at the court against Britain and breaches were found in 37 of them.

Criticism of the court and pressure from Euro-sceptics to withdraw followed its recent ruling condemning the killing of three IRA terrorists in September as unlawful. As a result of the ruling, the Government has paid almost £40,000 to relatives of three IRA members shot dead by the SAS in Gibraltar.

A Foreign Office spokesman confirmed that the Government yesterday renewed the right of individuals to petition the court and agreed to accept its rulings as binding. Britain has already accepted a new protocol which will merge the commission and the court into a full-time body to which the Government is permanently committed.

Letters, page 21

Irish may oppose Nirex in Europe

By A Staff Reporter

THE Irish Energy Minister said yesterday that Ireland might go to the European Court of Justice to oppose plans by Nirex, the nuclear-waste disposal company, to build an underground facility on part of the Sellafield site in *Cumbria.*

Emmet Stagg is believed to be the first minister from a foreign government to appear at an English public inquiry. Mr Stagg, after giving evidence in Cumbria yesterday, told a press conference that if state-owned Nirex succeeded in appealing against the refusal of planning permission Ireland might oppose it *through the European Court.*

He wrote to the European Commission last week expressing concern that Nirex's plan to build a £195 million rock laboratory would be a precursor to a nuclear waste dump, which Ireland views as a threat to its people through the possibility of sea pollution.

The letter questions whether Nirex's plans breach European directives on the environment. The Irish Government views the proposed laboratory, known as a Rock Characterisation Facility, as a Trojan horse that would cost so much to develop there would be pressure for approval to be given in future for a nuclear-waste dump.

Nirex's application was rejected by Cumbria County Council. The inquiry into the company's appeal is being held at nearby Cleator Moor.

Sinn Fein plan for London office foiled by vigilant council

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

Jackson and Dobson: *objected to proposal*

TWO Labour MPs and senior councillors have blocked an attempt by Sinn Fein to open offices in central London as the IRA's political wing attempts to set up overseas branches.

*The leadership of Labour-*controlled Camden Council stopped Sinn Fein renting offices in Holborn because it felt they posed a security risk to local residents. Glenda Jackson, Labour MP for Hampstead and Highgate, and Frank Dobson, MP for Holborn and St Pancras, told the council that they were opposed to any proposal to *rent premises to Sinn Fein* because it was "an organisation that has refused to renounce violence".

Before the ceasefire, the IRA bombed Camden High Street, Finchley Road and a Conservative club in Argyll Square, near Kings Cross station, as part of its campaign of attacks in the capital.

A spokesman for Ms Jackson said she had also expressed alarm at the implications for council taxpayers of a likely increase in the authority's insurance premiums and the security implications of having such a *particularly sensitive* headquarters in the borough.

Sinn Fein, which since the ceasefire has opened offices in Washington and Brussels, is now looking for alternative premises in London. The offices, the focus for its political operations in Britain, would be staffed by Sinn Fein representatives.

Camden council, whose chief executive Stephen Bundred once toured West Belfast with Gerry Adams and Danny Morrison, was approached several weeks ago. The person, who did not initially disclose that he was acting for *Sinn Fein, was interested in a* property close to a police station and a Ministry of Defence building in Holborn.

Officials offered an area at the back of the building for a rent of £3,000 a year, with a discount if repairs were carried out. It was only when references were provided that the council became aware that the building was to be used by *Sinn Fein, according to a* spokesman. Its legal advisers stressed that any rental should take into account political considerations, the council's insurance and public safety.

Richard Arthur, the leader of the council, said that the authority's main concern was for the safety of its residents. "If the peace process broke down, we could be exposing people to what could become a target for anti-IRA groups. The IRA let off more bombs in Camden than any other borough and of course we are 100 per cent behind the peace process".

☐ A man was seriously ill yesterday after a paramilitary punishment beating in Northern Ireland. The 27-year-old was found on the outskirts of Ballynahinch, Co Down, suffering from serious head injuries and broken limbs.

Assembly confusion

THE Sinn Fein leadership was plunged into confusion last night when Gerry Adams rejected a Northern Ireland assembly hours after one of his closest colleagues said he would consider joining such a body (Nicholas Watt writes).

Mr Adams, the Sinn Fein president, described Unionist proposals to establish an assembly of up to 90 members as a "non-runner".

Amid reports that Britain is examining proposals for an assembly of 45 members, Mr Adams made clear that he would not accept any variation of the Unionist plan, which he described as "a stalling" of the process.

His comments appeared to contradict remarks earlier in the day by Mitchel McLaughlin, the chairman of Sinn Fein, who said he would consider joining an elected body if it was limited to 45 members.

The holiday brochure

Tourists to replace terrorists

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

SOUTH Armagh, once the preserve of hooded IRA *gunmen and British* soldiers, is marketing itself as one of Northern Ireland's finest tourist destinations.

South Armagh Tourism has published its first tourist brochure, which extols the rugged beauty of the area, once nicknamed bandit country, under the slogan: "A welcome smile, a country mile, stay a while".

Tourists anxious about the area's bloody past are reassured that it is perfect for relaxation. "With the sun on your face and the wind on your back," the brochure says, "this is a wonderful landscape for walkers and cyclists who can appreciate its beauty at a leisurely place."

Miceal McCoy, of South Armagh Tourism, said the area should take advantage of the ceasefire.

Thatcher blast fails to unnerve Prime Minister

Continued from page 1

the Government's failure to live up to its *principles.*

In line with the high-level damage limitation effort, most of yesterday's responses were restrained. Ray Whitney, chairman of the Positive European Group of Tory MPs, said of the speech: "It was very sad. Watching her on television, she looked old and ill and it was a pity, I think, that she felt the need to make that speech." He told BBC Radio 4: "It was another manifestation of how difficult some people find *it to give up office.*"

Lord Howe of Aberavon responded with regret rather than fury. He said that it was her deep hostility to Europe that had led to her damaging dismissal of the One Nation tradition. "'One Nation Tories are No Nation Tories' is a glib phrase and it is an expensive one," he told BBC Radio 4's *World at One*. "For any Conservative leader to be capable of delivering that sentence is to represent a profound misunder*standing of the long-term purpose of* the Tory Party. I fear it is her latter-day obsession with that question (Europe) that risks doing so much damage to her own reputation and even, in the last resort, to the achievements of the Government in which we all worked together."

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said: "Open warfare has broken out between John Major and Margaret Thatcher. The divisions now run so *deep they cannot be bridged. It is a* party turning in on itself and truly unfit to govern. She dismissed One Nation Conservatism with contempt. He says that he is and always has been a One Nation Conservative."

Simon Jenkins and Roger Scruton, page 20
Letters, page 21

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bed hunt for pilot in RAF jet crash

An RAF fighter pilot who was critically injured when two Tornado jets crashed over *Lincolnshire* on Wednesday was turned away from two hospitals before an intensive care bed could be found, it was disclosed yesterday. He is recovering from head injuries at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham.

Both pilots and their navigators ejected. The injured man was hurt as he ejected. Dr Chris Tyler, director of intensive care at Lincoln County Hospital where the four men were taken, said the pilot was lucky that another bed could be found so quickly. The Nottingham hospital, whose dozen intensive care beds make it one of the largest units in the country, said transfers from other hospitals were regularly accepted.

Drink dropped

The Spilt Drinks Co, makers of "Tilt", an alcoholic Caribbean fruit drink, agreed at the High Court to stop marketing the product and withdraw it from sale. The Coca Cola Company had claimed it would confuse consumers used to its non-alcoholic "Lilt".

Footballer guilty

James Kelly, 22, a footballer with Wolverhampton Wanderers, admitted kicking to death Peter Dunphy, 26, after an argument outside a hotel. Liverpool Crown Court accepted his guilty plea to manslaughter and remanded him on bail until February 5.

Legal move

Two QCs are to advise the Law Society on its moves to deny insurance cover to cut-price conveyancers, and on whether they would breach unfair trading provisions. The Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, has said the moves could breach the law.

Sketch man dies

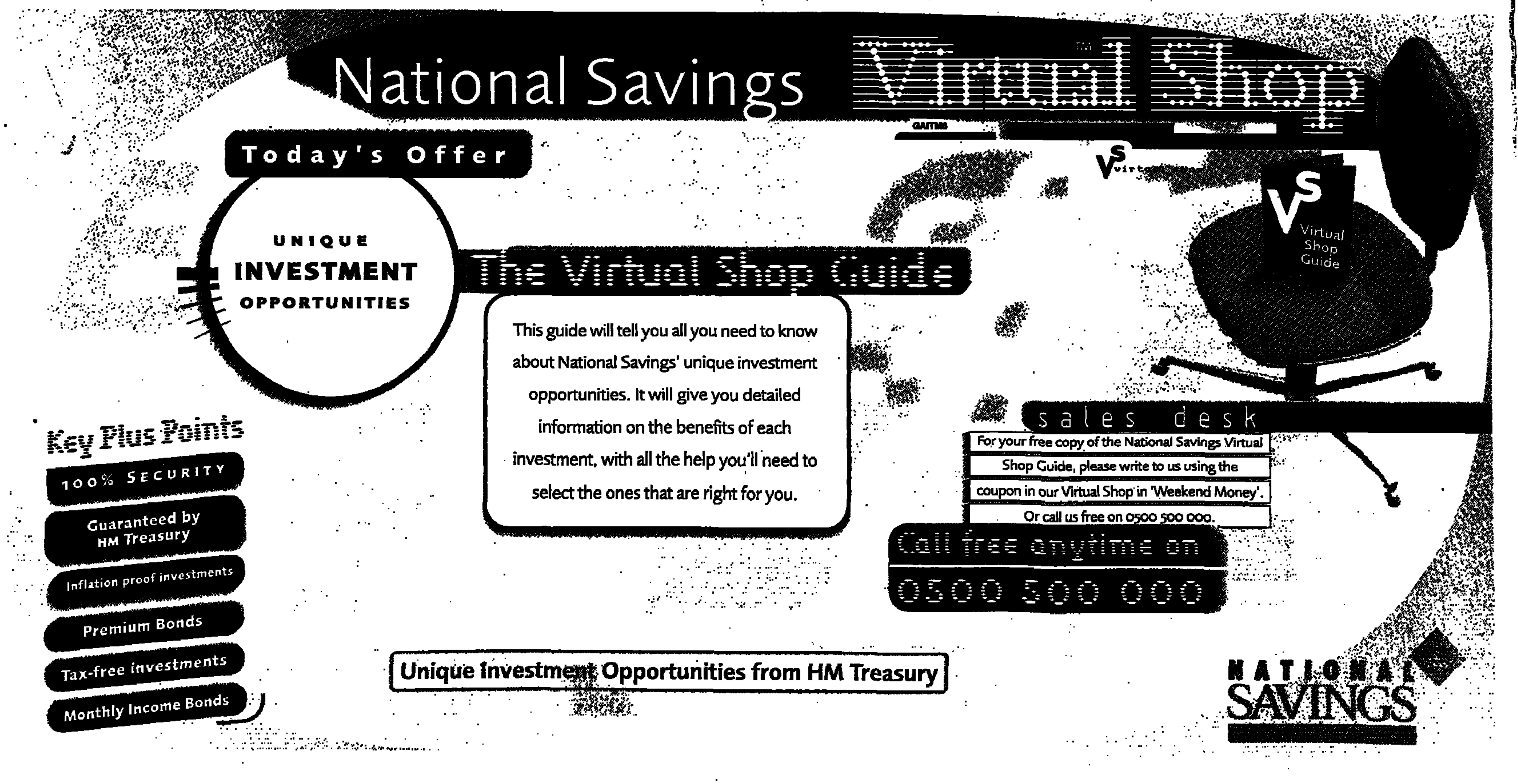
Colin Valdar, who became one of Fleet Street's youngest newspaper editors at the age of 34, has died, aged 77, in a London hospital after a long illness. Mr Valdar became editor of the *Sunday Pictorial* in 1953 and, six years later, editor of the *Daily Sketch*.

Special delivery

Geoff Rackham, 81, has just received a postcard 55 years after he sent it to his sister-in-law from a German PoW camp. The Royal Mail traced him to his home in Rotherham when the card surfaced and they could not find the addressee. She died 30 years ago.

Death riddle

Police in Rome are investigating the death of the renowned English art forger Eric Hebborn who was found lying in the street with head injuries in the Trastevere area of the city on Thursday. Mr Hebborn, 61, who lived near Rome, died in hospital.


National Savings Virtual Shop

Today's Offer

UNIQUE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Virtual Shop Guide

This guide will tell you all you need to know about National Savings' unique investment opportunities. It will give you detailed information on the benefits of each investment, with all the help you'll need to select the ones that are right for you.

Key Plus Points
- 100% SECURITY
- Guaranteed by HM Treasury
- Inflation proof investments
- Premium Bonds
- Tax-free investments
- Monthly Income Bonds

sales desk

For your free copy of the National Savings Virtual Shop Guide, please write to us using the coupon in our Virtual Shop in 'Weekend Money'.
Or call us free on 0500 500 000.

Call free anytime on 0500 500 000

Unique Investment Opportunities from HM Treasury

NATIONAL SAVINGS

هكذا من الأصل

'Great white balloonist' even gets the credit as January shower breaks worst drought of the century

Branson the charmer lifts Moroccans into orbit

From Andrew Pierce
in Marrakesh

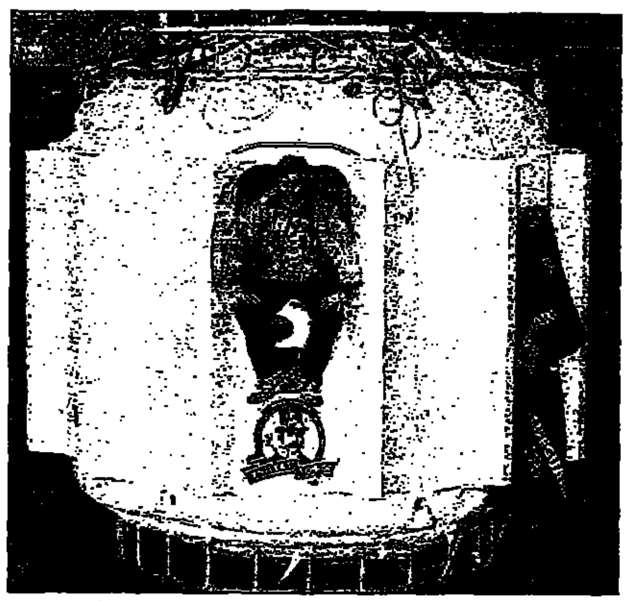
MARRAKESH was full of hot air yesterday, but none of it was in Richard Branson's balloon. The millionaire adventurer postponed his arrival in Morocco for 72 hours, but that did not stop the build up of publicity and a carnival atmosphere for the start of his round-the-world attempt.

His choice of Marrakesh as his launch pad has turned him into a folk hero. When the city's first January shower for years fell yesterday, after the North African nation's worst drought this century, some even gave him the credit for that.

The Branson publicity machine had been working in overdrive. He is the talk of the land. Thousands of ordinary Moroccans are preparing to converge on the city, with its ancient red walls, where women still wear the veil and Muezzin summon the faithful to prayer, to catch a glimpse of the "great white balloonist".

Even the king has become caught up in the round-the-globe race that echoes Jules Verne's fictional *Around the World in 80 Days*, whose hero Phileas Fogg left the Reform Club 120 years ago and took a ballon over the Alps.

Fogg had only a manservant. In Morocco, King Hassan II has mobilised the entire Royal Air Force, the army, and royal gendarmerie to assist the *Virgin Global Challenger* which is due to start its three-week voyage across three continents, and 72 countries, from a military airfield next Friday.



Co-pilot Per Lindstrand at the hatch of *Challenger's* cramped capsule, waiting to go around the world

No expense has been spared. The red carpet has been rolled out for Mr Branson and his co-pilots, Per Lindstrand and Rory McCarthy. All three will receive an invitation to dine with the King at his high-walled palace.

Andre Azoulay, financial and economic counsellor to the King, told *The Times* last night: "His Majesty gave instant approval to the project. He issued instructions to every government department to co-operate. Everything was finalised in under two weeks. We have shown that even in Morocco we can deliver rapid and efficient service."

The £2 million high-tech *Virgin Challenger* will be racing against the Dutch balloonist Henk Brink, 52, who hopes to take off early next week. His *Unicef Flyer* will be 200ft high when inflated, 25ft higher than Mr Branson's craft. The Moroccans are rooting for Mr Branson. Mr Azoulay said: "We are praying for him to win. Morocco will then share a place in the *Guinness Book of Records* with the *Virgin Challenger*."

An advance guard of the 150-strong Branson tactical team has arrived in Marrakesh. They chose the city because of climate conditions. Strong warm winds will help the balloon to travel at an altitude of up to 30,000ft. Hundreds of journalists and camera crews have begun to arrive to record the event, which the authorities hope will provide a stimulus to its tourism industry, suffering after the Gulf War.

Mohamed Benaissa, the Moroccan ambassador to Washington and a former minister of culture, said: "In Morocco, when you talk of Britain, you talk of the BBC. This has become the BBC in the air. It is a great adventure which has captured the imagination of ordinary Moroccans. They talk about little else in the cafés of Marrakesh."

Mr Benaissa was talking at the La Mamounia Hotel, where in 1943 Churchill famously told Roosevelt that the city was the loveliest spot in the whole world. The hotel still boasts a Winston Churchill suite with a hat worn by the wartime leader. Beyond are the Atlas mountains which helped to curb the Romans, Byzantines and the French. Local museums record that diplomatic ties with Britain began 404 years ago when Morocco sent an ambassador to London. *Le Matin du Sahara*, a leading national paper, compared Branson's expedition with the Queen's state visit in 1981.

PETER NICHOLLS

A snake charmer joins the carnival, ready for lift-off. "They talk about little else in the cafés of Marrakesh"

In the alleyways of the tourist heart of Marrakesh, thronged with people, groaning donkeys, spluttering motorbikes and every product known to man, they are prepared for the media invasion. Snake charmers on the main square have multiplied to vie for audiences with story tellers, preachers and healers.

Local guides, who normally charge £5 to repel over-zealous tradesmen, were hoping to get away with double their normal daily rate. One guide at the Djemaa el Fna, the square where executions were staged until the 19th century, was planning to sell helium-filled balloons. Abdullah, 31, said: "We know Mr Branson. We prefer Coca-Cola to his drink, but he is good news. Many tourists will come back."

Local hotels have so far resisted the temptation to cash in on the media circus. The biggest hotels, and Royal Air Maroc, the national airline, have drastically reduced prices in the hope of creating positive spin-offs.

An American tourist, Dick Spring, said: "We're going to delay our departure in the hope of seeing Richard Branson. I've been coming here for years. It's the biggest event I've ever known."

Leading article, page 21

Friend of murdered tourist is raped

By Kathryn Knight

THE companion of a British backpacker murdered in India was raped in a separate attack on the same night in the city of Bangalore, it was disclosed yesterday. Police said they were looking for a rickshaw driver in each case.

The body of James Skinner, 25, from Oxfordshire, was found in a ditch in the city on Wednesday night. He had been stabbed and robbed of rupees worth £200. His companion was returning to their hotel in a rickshaw after spending the day alone when she was taken to a remote part of the city and attacked.

She managed to get back to the hotel, walking two miles, then taking a rickshaw. There she was told of her friend's death by police.

She was taken to hospital where, it is understood, she is still recovering. A female official from the Deputy High Commission in Madras has travelled to Bangalore to comfort her.

The couple had been travelling together since September. They had backpacked around Nepal and Pakistan before arriving in southern India.

A Foreign Office spokesman in London said the woman "was as well as can be expected under the circumstances". Officials were waiting for the woman to decide whether she wanted to continue her trip or return to Britain. Relatives of the two friends would be given help if they wished to travel to Bangalore.

A spokesman for the police in Bangalore confirmed they were looking for two rickshaw drivers and said all drivers operating between 11pm and 5am had been told to register with local police.

Figard: forensic evidence

DNA test for drivers in Celine inquiry

By Stewart Tendler

MORE than 1,000 lorry drivers are to be asked to provide DNA samples for police investigating the murder of the French hitch-hiker Celine Figard.

Detective Chief Superintendent John McCammont, the West Mercia officer leading the inquiry, said yesterday that forensic scientists had found that Mlle Figard, 19, had sexual intercourse after her arrival in Britain. He believed this must have been rape and police now know her killer's DNA.

He said: "We have evidence to suggest Celine had sexual intercourse before she was killed. It is an obvious conclusion that she had sex against her will. The poor girl is dead." DNA tests will be carried out on all 1,200 known owners or drivers of white Mercedes lorries.

Mlle Figard was last seen about to take a lift with the driver of a white Mercedes at a service station on the M4 at Chieveley in Berkshire on December 19.

Wife who killed is put on probation

By Gillian Bowditch

A WOMAN aged 75 who smothered her sick husband with a pillow when he refused to stay in bed was put on probation yesterday.

A judge at Edinburgh High Court said that Catherine Kerr had been suffering from depression and that a jail term would serve no good purpose.

The court was told that the couple, who lived at Erskine, Strathclyde, had been married for 49 years and were a devoted couple. But the last years of their life together had been dogged by ill health and she could not cope.

The husband, who was 79, had a severe heart attack in 1993 and suffered from chronic kidney failure. He had been discharged from hospital three weeks before his death but doctors had said that he was unlikely to live for long.

On the night of the killing he was getting out of bed and needed his wife's help. She told him to get back in and when he refused she put a pillow over his face and suffocated him. She was originally charged with murder but the Crown accepted her plea to culpable homicide because of diminished responsibility. The court was told that she had a serious depressive illness.

The Lord Justice Clerk, Lord Ross, sentenced her to two years' probation with the condition that she seek psychiatric treatment. He said: "I am satisfied that this is a case where the diminished responsibility justifies me in exercising the maximum leniency."

Ian Kerr, 44, one of the couple's sons, said later: "We were all devastated, but our mother has the full support of everyone and we are hoping she will get over this."

Farmer unearths account of Victorian sexuality

By Alan Hamilton
and Adam Fresco

AN ACCOUNT of a young Victorian woman's sexual relationship has been found hidden in an old oak wardrobe by a Gloucestershire farmer. The 14-page manuscript gives the lie to the notion that the women of the age were models of propriety with no hint of passion stirring beneath their *Bible-black* skirts.

David Barton, of Little Duntisbourne, near Cirencester in Gloucestershire, was attempting to move the wardrobe in his farmhouse when he found an old accounts book, detailing the petty cash of the Boulton family between 1826 and 1832.

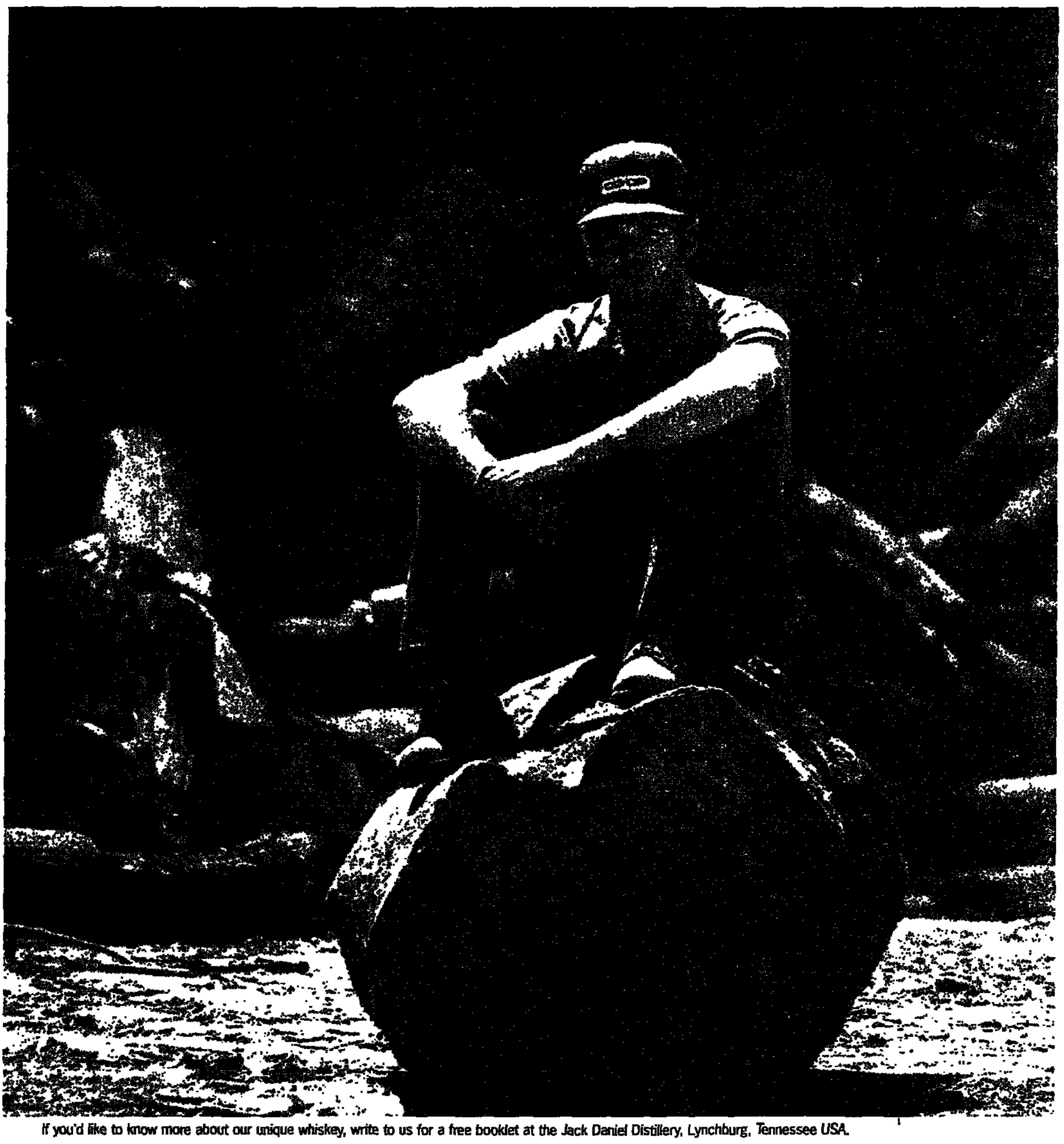
But the copperplate entries give way to a spidery, hard-to-read account in pencil, detailing the 16-year-old's confessions, which are believed to have been written in the 1860s. It begins: "Beloved Liz, I wish to confess a sin which weighs heavily on my mind. The sin of fornication." The writer admits that she has "fallen into so loose and degrading a sin", adding "I was 16 years old and knew no more what fornication was than an infant."

It continues: "I allowed him to touch me twice without any resistance. After a long time I began to tempt him and he attempted to commit fornication." It is signed by Eliza Boulton, who lived at the farmhouse.

Hidden with the documents was a small printed book entitled *Practical Observation on Medical Advice*, by Walter de Roos, MD, which counsels on everything from matrimonial excesses to the menopause and sexually transmitted diseases. The book includes a chapter headed *Lustfull Thoughts and Desires*.

Mr Barton, who has not yet decided what to do with his find, said: "It is obviously very personal stuff, which the person who put it there did not want to destroy, or they would have burnt it. And they obviously did not want to look at it again, because it was firmly nailed up.

"I think the interesting thing is the time it was written. It seems she was enjoying herself and Victorian women are not portrayed as enjoying sex. It does not look like she was married to the man."



If you'd like to know more about our unique whiskey, write to us for a free booklet at the Jack Daniel Distillery, Lynchburg, Tennessee USA.

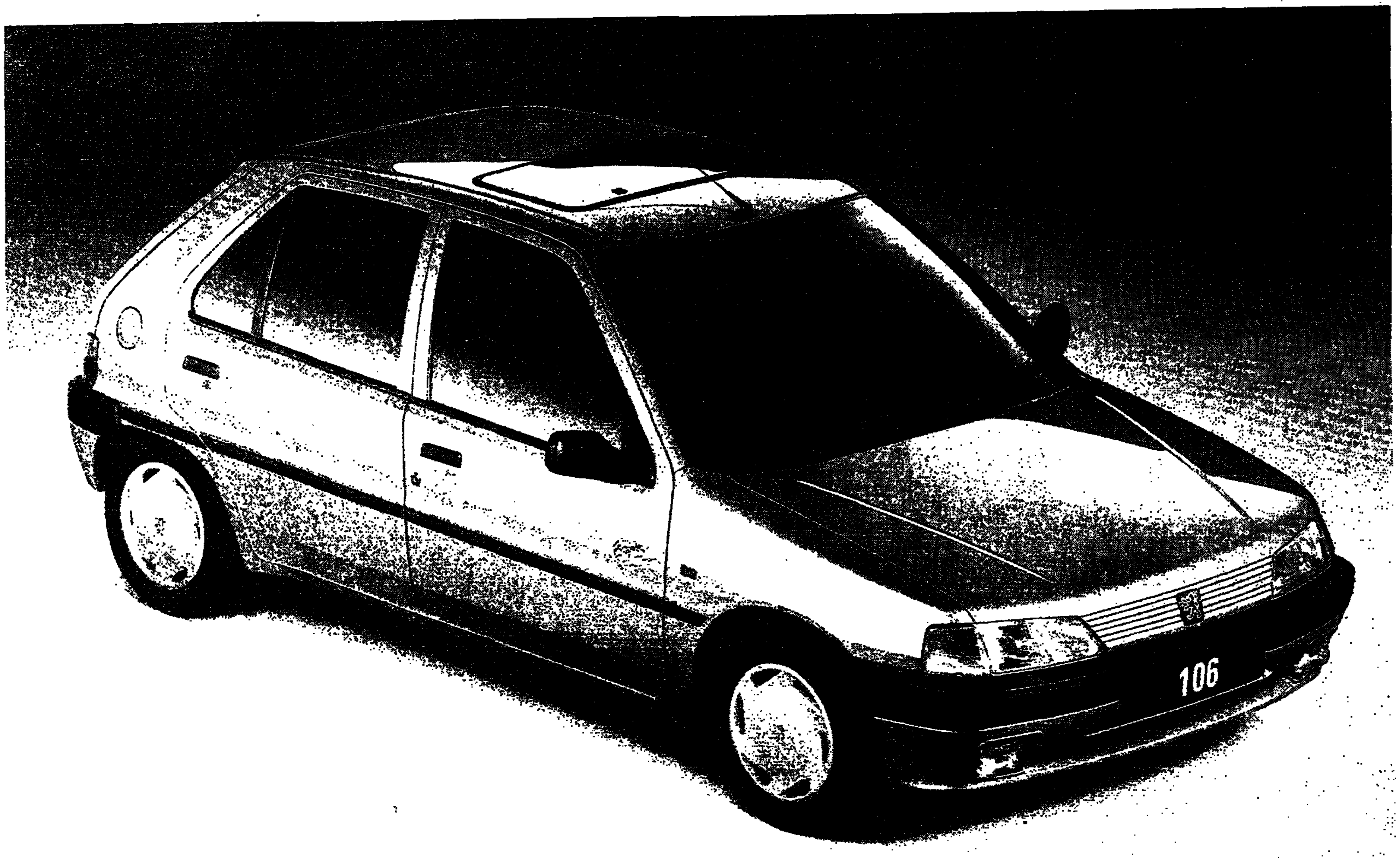
TENNESSEE MEN and Tennessee maple account for the smoothness of Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey.

We get these big chunks of hard maple from the hills around here. They're taken from high ground when the sap is low. Then, men like Billy Durm cut them in strips; stack them in ricks; and burn them to charcoal for smoothing our whiskey. Sometimes we joke about who's more important – the man or the maple? But after a sip of charcoal mellowed Jack Daniel's, you'll know that both are doing good jobs.

JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY

هكذا من الأصل

FREE INSURANCE.† PERFECT IF YOU SEE THE NEW YEAR IN WITH A BANG.



MODEL SHOWN 106 ESCAPADE LEVEL 3 FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY***

THE PEUGEOT 106 ESCAPADE.

£99 DEPOSIT

£199 A MONTH (PLUS FINAL PAYMENT)

106 1.1 ESCAPADE 3 DOOR LEVEL 2**	PASSPORT PRICE*	DEPOSIT [illegible]	ONE PAYMENT ON SIGNING THE AGREEMENT	AMOUNT FINANCED	FINANCE CHARGES	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	23 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	GUARANTEED FUTURE VALUE‡/FINAL PAYMENT	CUSTOMER APR*
2 YEAR PASSPORT	£7,498.00	£99.00	£198.97	£7,200.03	£1,036.28	£8,534.28	**£198.97**	£3,960.00	9.9%

All figures are based on a 106 Escapade 1.1 3 door petrol Level 2 with an agreed mileage of 6,000 p.a. ‡A £35.25 fee is payable on signing a sales agency agreement if you require this option. Further charges may be made subject to mileage, condition and if the vehicle is not returned on time. Excess mileage charges range between 5p and 5.5p per mile as agreed at the time of purchase. The sales agency option expires if the vehicle is not returned within 30 days from the end of your finance agreement. *Passport price shown includes delivery, number plates and 12 months road fund licence, extended warranty and full AA cover. Prices correct at the time of going to press.

FREE INSURANCE†

AVAILABLE ON ALL NEW 106s††

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 0500 500 106 OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL PEUGEOT DEALER.

THE PEUGEOT 106. LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND.

106 PEUGEOT

[illegible] DRIVERS CONVICTED OF A MAJOR DRIVING OFFENCE IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS ARE AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDED. [illegible] PLEASE CONSULT YOUR PEUGEOT DEALER FOR DETAILS. [illegible] 12 MONTHS ROAD FUND LICENCE.

Woman recalls posing for drawings of rich girl who would 'thcream and thcream until I am thick'

ROBIN MAYES

Joan Baverstock now, left, and as a young girl at the time she posed for Thomas Henry, her uncle, right, illustrator of the William stories

William's foe was no thrinking Violet

By Our Diary Staff

SHE was everything about the female sex that threatened William. Violet Elizabeth Bott was the scheming golden-curled little horror of the *Just William* books who "thcreamed and thcreamed" and deserved as good as she jolly well got from William and the Outlaws.

Yesterday the real Violet Elizabeth — or at least the inspiration behind the illustrations — was reminiscing about the days she posed as the six-year-old minx. Sitting in her Buckinghamshire home underneath a portrait of William by her uncle Thomas Henry, who illustrated the books, Joan Baverstock, 77, admitted that she was the real Violet. "I certainly used to pose for him," she said. "And in some of the illustrations I can recognise my clothes. I remember on a train journey from Nottingham to London once when the carriage had steamed up, he drew William for me with his finger on the window."

In Richmal Crompton's stories, Violet Elizabeth is the spoilt member of an aspiring family recently arrived in William's village — "the daughter of Mr Bott (of Bott's Digestive Sauce) who lived at the Hall". William and his gang have no respect for the sauce, believing it to be made of black beetles, but there is no getting away from her wealth, or her ghastly lisp: "Violet Elizabeth's eyes brimmed with tears. Her lip quivered ... 'My fatherth rich,' she said. 'I oughter be firtht becauth my fartherth rich'."

The Just William Society's latest newsletter trumpets her discovery under a banner headline: Introducing the Real Violet Elizabeth. David Schutte, of the society, points out that the first *Violet Elizabeth* story was written in 1924, when Joan Baverstock was six. "Violet Elizabeth was six as well," he says. "So little Joan was the perfect model."

Mrs Baverstock says at that age she was a naughty little madam who hung around young rascals like William. "I was a little rebel in the family and I had curly hair then. Lots and lots of curls. I could have been rescued from the Outlaws."

But she has never lisped and certainly never threatened to "thcream and thcream and thcream until I am thick". She never even met Richmal Crompton, who wrote her speech impediment into the script. "The drawings came after the books, you see," she said. "My uncle obviously read the books and then illustrated them, perhaps using me as the model because I fitted his idea of Violet."

Earlier this week the *Times* Diary tracked down Eddie Graham, the 1940s screen Just William, to the sweet counter in the shop he manages in Taplow, Buckinghamshire.

Grammar school ballpoint ban wins top marks

By Robin Young

A GRAMMAR school headmistress who has banned ballpoint pens and ordered her pupils to write with fountain pens won widespread support yesterday.

Susan Glanville, head of Invicta Girls' School in Maidstone, Kent, said: "I have always attached great importance to clear handwriting. The majority of primary schools in this area have handwriting policies which encourage the children to write well. You cannot suddenly ignore that and think a ballpoint is good enough."

Many parents had expressed their support, she said. "Not one has complained about the extra expense of having to buy a fountain pen. Of course a good fountain pen can last for years and years."

Humphrey Lyttelton, the broadcaster and jazz trumpeter who is president of the Society for Italic Handwriting, said: "People who say ballpoints make you scrawl are absolutely right. It is like trying to do figure-skating on ice wearing roller skates."

Peter Brookes, political cartoonist of *The Times* and a champion of the fountain pen, said: "I raised cheer to myself when I heard about Mrs Glanville. Ballpoints are increasingly sophisticated, but they are still a meagre kind of instrument compared to the fountain pen."

Lyttelton: applauded fountain pen order

Bill Stoneham, a senior economics master on Mrs Glanville's staff, said: "Many of us work as external examiners, and one of our most frequent complaints is about the illegibility of many of the papers. Most of the staff were using fountain pens before Mrs Glanville came, and of course we all do now."

But not everyone is convinced that compulsory use of the fountain pen is desirable and head teachers' leaders said it would be impossible to enforce in some parts of the country. John Sutton, general secretary of the Secondary Heads' Association, said: "There are many schools where teachers think themselves lucky if children come to school with any kind of writing instrument at all."

George Turnbull of the Associated Examining Board said: "Handwriting is very important, but if students use a ballpoint well they should be able to write clearly. If they are not disciplined to use a fountain pen properly it will not make their writing any more legible. Fountain pens do have disadvantages. They smudge and blot very easily."

Fountain pens range in price from £1.80 to models costing hundreds of pounds. Mrs Glanville uses "a very nice Parker". She said: "It was given to me by the pupils at my former school, who knew what value I placed on good clear writing. They did not have to use fountain pens, because I was only the deputy headmistress there."

☐ The ballpoint pen was invented by Laszlo Biro in 1938 and the first 18,000 made were used by British airmen in the war. When they went on sale in 1945 they cost 55 shillings (£2.75), but were outselling fountain pens within four years.

Teachers pass up chance of headship

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

FEWER teachers are prepared to shoulder the responsibilities of headship, with some inner-city schools left struggling for months to find a suitable candidate.

Smaller schools, which cannot offer top salaries, find it hardest to appoint a new head teacher, a survey published yesterday also disclosed. Church schools, often in small rural communities, were particularly badly hit. One in three Roman Catholic and one in five Church of England schools looking for a head had to advertise more than once last year.

The annual review of head teacher vacancies by Oxford Brookes University showed 14 per cent of secondary and 17 per cent of primary headships had to be advertised again. The turnover of secondary school heads was at its highest for six years, with 365 posts falling vacant compared with 324 the year before.

John Howson, author of the report, said the re-advertisement rate for inner London of two posts in every five was by far the worst in the country. He added: "With an ageing teaching force, the problem is unlikely to go away."

Heads' pay starts at £24,453 for the smallest primary school, rising to a maximum £53,559. The National Association of Head Teachers said staff often felt there was no point in shouldering the extra responsibility of headship.

Dixons

UP TO HALF PRICE MERCURY ONE 2 ONE PHONES WITH CHEQUEBACK

TOP BRAND MOBILE

ERICSSON PH337 MOBILE PHONE
- Up to 2 hours talk time/17 hours standby time.
- 99 name and number memory.
- Integrated clock and alarm.

£149.99▲ Dixons Deal

SAVE £50 WITH CHEQUEBACK

MOTOROLA FLARE MOBILE PHONE
- Up to 60 minutes talk time/12 hours standby time.
- Dedicated VoiceMail button.
- Auto-redial and mute facility.

Price excluding Chequeback £129.99.

£79.99▲ Dixons Deal including Chequeback

HALF PRICE WITH CHEQUEBACK

MERCURY M301 MOBILE PHONE
- Up to 70 minutes talk time/12 hours standby time.
- Easy-to-read display screen with helpful 'prompts'.
- Stores up to 99 numbers.

Price excluding Chequeback £99.99.

£49.99▲ Dixons Deal including Chequeback

FREE 'WHAT MOBILE' PHONE GUIDE

This exclusive magazine is full of information to help you make the right choice when buying a mobile phone. Please ask for a copy in-store.

ONE 2 ONE

MERCURY

THE DIGITAL MOBILE PHONE SERVICE

In today's fast world of business and leisure, it makes sense to have Mercury's one2one at your fingertips. Whether you're using a mobile phone as part of your business or whether you use it to keep in touch with your family and friends, Mercury one2one is the answer. Advanced technology means superb service, clearer calls and no eavesdropping, and allows state-of-the-art services such as VoiceMail – an integral answering service

Mercury have just launched a range of new services — Bronze, Silver and Gold — which are tailored to meet everyone's needs. Ask in-store for details.

FREE LOCAL WEEKEND CALLS†

[illegible]

BILLING BY THE SECOND

[illegible]

LOW COST CALLS

[illegible]

FREE VOICEMAIL††

[illegible]

FREE ITEMISED BILLING

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dixons SALE NOW ON

OVER 350 HIGH STREET BRANCHES NATIONWIDE. TEL: 0181-200 0200 FOR YOUR NEAREST BRANCH

مكبرا من الأصل

NHS tests computer-controlled treatment

Laser fires holes in the heart to transform patient's life

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Correspondent

A LASER *gun treatment* for coronary disease that involves *shooting holes in the heart* is being introduced to the National Health Service.

The "heart laser" is being used to treat patients with heart disease who cannot have coronary bypass surgery. Instead of grafting new blood vessels on to the heart to replace those that have narrowed or become blocked, the laser is used to punch tiny holes through the heart wall to form new blood vessels.

The Royal Brompton Hospital in west London, the first NHS hospital to acquire the laser, has so far used it on only a few patients. The treatment has transformed the life of Manuel Espana, a retired plumber from west London, according to the hospital.

Mr Espana, 55, was housebound before the operation, unable to climb the stairs to his first-floor flat. Now, a few weeks after surgery, not only can he climb the stairs but he can walk to the shops.

Each laser hole, made by firing the gun between heartbeats, is about one millimetre in diameter, the thickness of a pencil lead. It creates a channel in the heart's wall, allowing oxygen-rich blood to reach *the damaged heart muscle*. As blood seeps through each newly created channel to the surface of the heart, it clots on contact with the air, sealing the end of the hole so that the heart does not leak. Scar tissue forms within two days.

The procedure, which lasts about an hour, involves firing the computer-controlled laser when the left ventricle of the heart — the main pumping chamber — is full of blood. The liquid absorbs the laser beam and prevents it burning a hole right through the heart.

The treatment, known as transmyocardial revascularisation, is being investigated by a team from Papworth Hospital, Cambridge. The tema is conducting a trial on NHS patients at the Bupa Cambridge Lea Hospital, which has bought a heart laser, in the first joint research venture between Bupa and the NHS.

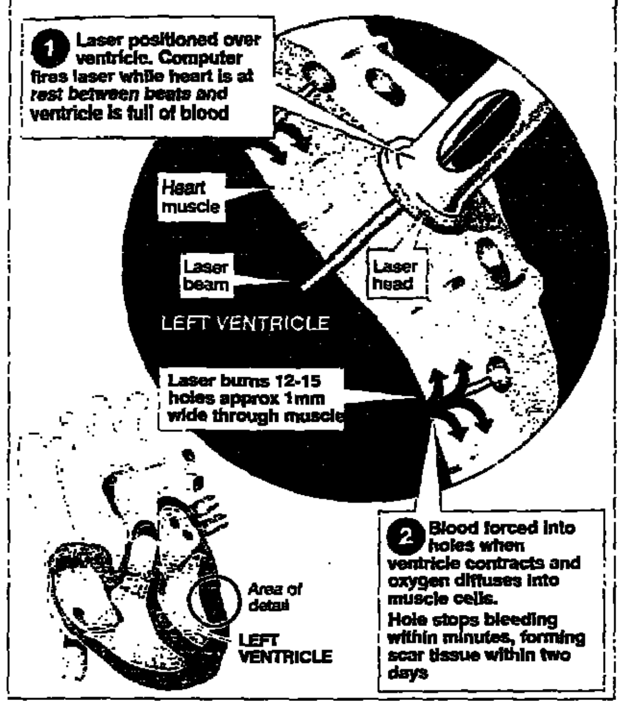
Although the technique is in use in America, British specialists *were sceptical at first.* John Wallwork, consultant cardiothoracic surgeon at Papworth, said: "We thought it was very interesting but mad. The problem is if you make a hole with a drill it causes damage to the tissue which triggers the clotting process, blocking the hole. But the laser causes so little damage that the blood doesn't clot [until it reaches the surface of the heart].

"The Royal Brompton is not the first to treat NHS patients in this way. These techniques are still under evaluation. Everybody hopes there is value in them but until the trial is complete we won't know."

Under NHS rules, hospitals are not supposed to purchase new equipment until its value has been proved in properly controlled trials. The heart laser costs £700,000.

Mr Wallwork said: "If it works it is likely to be an important advance in the treatment of heart disease. It will give us another brand-new technique for treating patients with chest pain."

LASER GUN TREATMENT


1 Laser positioned over ventricle. Computer fires laser while heart is at rest between beats and ventricle is full of blood
Heart muscle
Laser beam
Laser head
LEFT VENTRICLE
Laser burns 12-15 holes approx 1mm wide through muscle
Area of detail
LEFT VENTRICLE
2 Blood forced into holes when ventricle contracts and oxygen diffuses into muscle cells.
Hole stops bleeding within minutes, forming scar tissue within two days

ADRIAN BROOKS

Jessica Hodson, 10, with amphibian friends at the campaign launch yesterday

Vanishing pondlife spawns frog hunt

By Nick Nuttall

A CAMPAIGN to solve the mystery of the nation's disappearing *frogs was launched* yesterday. Frogwatch will enlist the *skills* of up to *60,000* children to monitor spawning times in ponds to discover if global warming is interfering with reproduction.

The scheme, co-ordinated by the Wildlife Trusts, which represents the county wildlife charities, is being backed by Professor David Bellamy and BhS. It comes amid growing *worldwide alarm among* scientists, conservationists and *the public* over a dramatic decline in frogs, toads and newts.

In Britain, since 1992, there have been *increasing* reports of large numbers of frogs *found dead in ponds. The* animals appear emaciated and *others* have been *found* with bleeding mouths, frozen feet and *detached limbs.*

Professor Bellamy said yesterday: "*Mobilising the acute* observational powers of young people all over the country will provide researchers with extremely *valuable* information."

Frogwatch survey packs will be available in BhS stores from February 18-25. Children are asked to note the appearance and location of frog spawn and log when and if it turns into tadpoles and then froglets.

Lottery purge on Irish border run

By Nicholas Watt, Ireland Correspondent

CAMELOT pledged yester*day to crack down on retailers* in Northern Ireland who knowingly allowed couriers from the Republic to profit by bringing National Lottery entries over the border. The retailers would have their operating contracts terminated. *Louise White*, Camelot's head of public affairs, said.

Scores of couriers run thousands of completed entries to outlets over the border every week. Their customers fill out the slips in newsagents in Dublin, Cork and Galway, which display posters saying "Play the UK lottery here".

The punters pay between £1.20 and £1.30 per line — instead of the usual £1 — and the profit is split between the newsagent and the courier. Every Thursday, the couriers pick up the completed entries, *which bear the players'* names. On Thursday night *The Times found a courier* from Dublin entering hun*dreds of tickets at the BP* service station at Killeen, Co Down, less than 100 yards *over the border.*

The courier, who refused to give his name, *denied any* illegality. "I am providing a courier service," he *said.* "People drive from the south to cross *the border*, so what is the difference?" He estimated *he had made* £10,000 *in the* past year. "There is a huge interest. Prizes are much bigger than the Irish lottery."

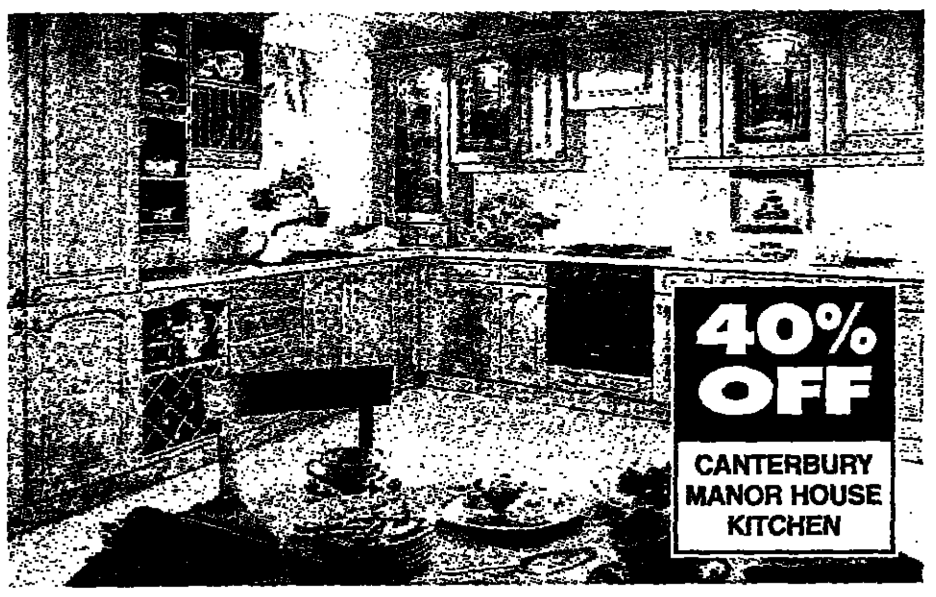
Prizes in the Irish lottery have varied from £500,000 to £4.4 million. The duty manager of the service station refused to comment.

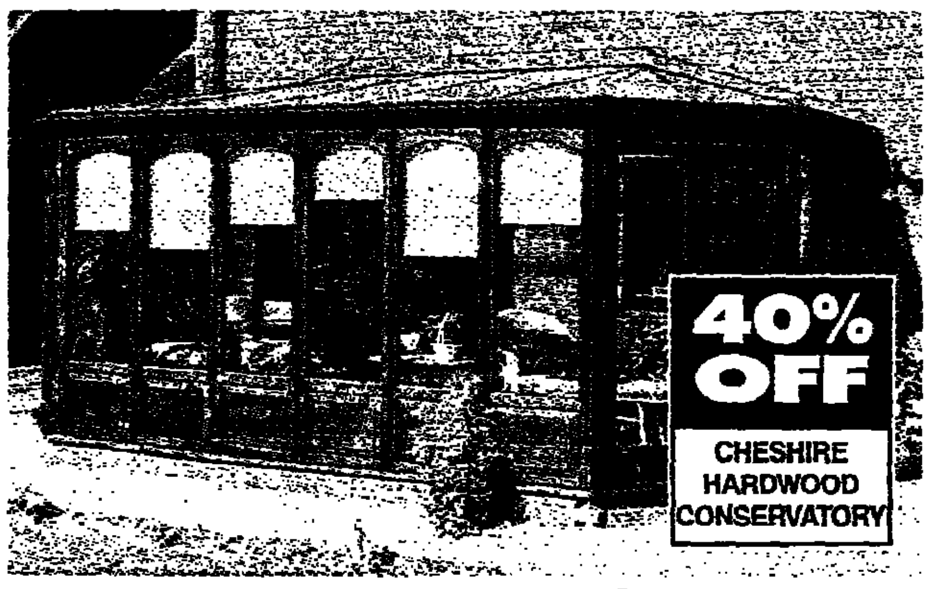
In Dublin, a newsagent is to appear in court on Monday charged under the 1956 Gaming and Lotteries Act, which bans the import of lottery tickets.

☐ Members of the Muslim Sangat Community Centre in *Keighley*, West *Yorkshire*, meet tomorrow to consider *returning* a £375,000 National Lottery grant, after some complained *that gambling* was forbidden by the Koran.

Wickes SALE ENDS SOON

UP TO 40% OFF† KITCHENS CONSERVATORIES BEDROOMS AND BATHROOMS





MASSIVE REDUCTIONS† ON ALL CONSERVATORIES, KITCHENS, BATHROOMS AND BEDROOMS.

MUST END SOON

FINANCE AVAILABLE WITH REPAYMENTS FROM ONLY £50* PER MONTH WHEN YOU SPEND £500 OR MORE
ASK INSTORE FOR FULL DETAILS

CALL FREE NOW ON 0500 300 328 FOR YOUR FREE COLOUR BROCHURE OR NEAREST STORE.

Open Monday - Saturday 7.30am-8pm Sunday 10am-4pm. Scotland as above except Sunday 9am-6pm

Wickes
EXPERTS IN HOME IMPROVEMENT

Limited period only. While stocks last. All prices include VAT. † Manor House range only, excludes delivery, Madrid bathroom suite, kitchen and conservatory accessories, breakfast bar, appliances. * With 14.9% APR available up to 60 months. Finance subject to status. Written quotations available instore. Minimum deposit £50. Minimum loan term 10 months. £50 Fixed Repayment Example: Purchase Price £1100. Deposit £59.01. Loan amount £1,040.99. Equals 24 monthly repayments of £50 a month. Total amount repayable £1,259.01 at 14.9% APR.

DON'T MISS THE SHOW THAT TURNS BACK TIME

1000s of stimulating ideas for your home

You simply can't afford to miss the 1996 Period Homes & Gardens Show at Olympia. It's a unique showcase for the world's finest period furniture, kitchenware, stone architecture, antiques, paintings, object d'art, traditional cuisine and much more. You'll find endless ideas which will help you add more style, character and elegance to your home.

To save queuing, call now and SAVE £1 on each ticket you order (you pay £7.50 instead of £8.50). You will also receive an exclusive 10% Discount Card which you can use at the show.

Call our TICKET HOTLINE
01483 418798
Please quote reference T1

Newbury cook produces nutritious meals from Crimean cauldron to raise morale

Roux-trained chef hands protesters victory on a plate

By Adrian Lee

IF AN army marches on its stomach, it is no wonder that the battalion of protesters at the Newbury bypass appears to have had the upper hand this week.

While the security guards hired to mind the site grumble of low morale, which they blame on awful food, the protesters are enjoying the services of a restaurant-trained chef who daily bolsters their spirits with freshly cooked vegetarian delights.

Yesterday David Lenaghan, 28, once a £9,000-a-year commis chef with Albert Roux, woke at 5am to light his crude grate fire, built over four bricks, and to serve gallons of porridge, fresh fruit, nuts, chocolate and barley drink to his 200 troops.

As protesters set off to try to prevent work on the bypass for a fourth day, they could look forward to a dinner menu of six-vegetable Thai stir-fry in chilli sauce, potato latka, three-bean soup, cooked beetroot and fresh fruit salad for dessert if they avoided arrest.

The guards, billeted on a farm, take bulk delivery of chicken pieces, beefburgers, bread, cabbages, eggs, tomato ketchup and cheap fizzy drinks. The standard of cooking has become a standing joke among the 200 men and women working for Reliance Security. Mr Lenaghan, from Chichester, West Sussex, arrived less than a week ago but his culinary reputation has spread quickly through the ten protest camps along the 9½-mile route.

From his woodland kitchen, equipped with a 12-gallon cauldron dating from the Crimean War and nicknamed "Puffing Billy", he takes food orders on a mobile telephone. Drums of his food, created on a budget of £60 a day, are dispatched to other camps.

He turned his back on Roux, where he provided buffets for London business leaders, two years ago. He has not yet told his parents, both Conservatives, about his new life. "I feel I am making a positive contribution to a positive cause. I hated working in London; the pecking order in the kitchen, the egos, the ingratitude. Here, people thank you for cooking for them."

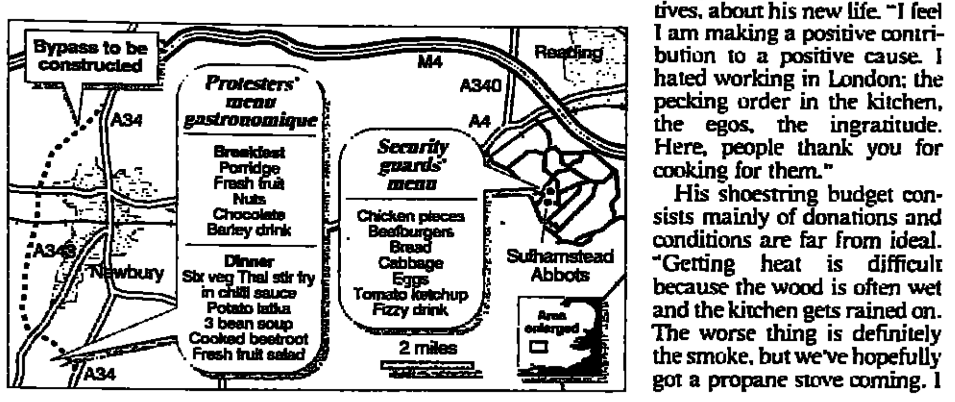
His shoestring budget consists mainly of donations and conditions are far from ideal. "Getting heat is difficult because the wood is often wet and the kitchen gets rained on. The worse thing is definitely the smoke, but we've hopefully got a propane stove coming. I am not vegetarian myself but most of the people here or either very strict vegetarians or vegans. That means no eggs or milk and for a chef they are the main ingredients, so it's a bit limited."

Another 180 security staff have been sent home because of leaking tents. In addition to grumbling about the food, some have complained about lack of showers, poor pay and living quarters covered in mud.

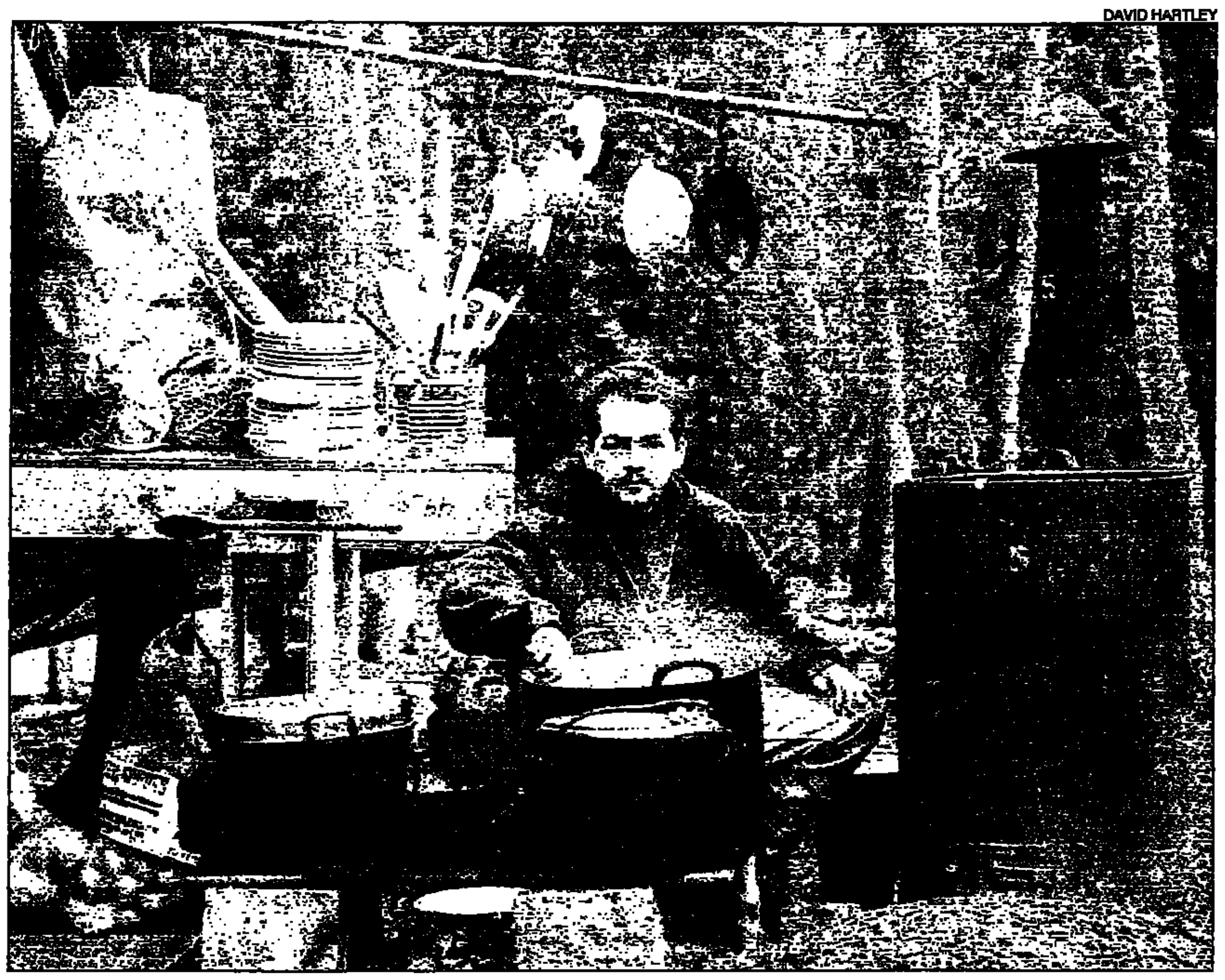
A former guard from Kent told his regional television station, Meridian: "The cold hit every part of your body and there were no drying facilities. The conditions were so bad it was unbelievable and the food there was not fit for a dog. It was awful." Reliance declined a request to show a reporter the guards' camp.

Mr Lenaghan, who plans to stay until the end of the protest, said: "Their diet sounds very stodgy, whereas I try to make sure I give people nutritious food. If the food is good I think it helps morale."

Much of the produce he uses is organically grown and his makeshift kitchen is crammed with shelves of soya beans, wholegrain rice and fruit. It is a far cry from the days when he was trained by the Japanese master-chef Hiroshi Hiyashi and won a job with Roux on the recommendation of a friend.



DAVID HARTLEY



David Lenaghan in his woodland kitchen: "I feel I am making a positive contribution to a positive cause"

THE SUNDAY TIMES

The price of war

They served their countries during the Gulf War. Now they are the parents of babies with defects. Russell Miller examines the cause of so many physical abnormalities among the children of Gulf veterans

The Sunday Times Magazine tomorrow

£9m bypass starts sell-off

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

THE privatisation of Britain's trunk roads began in earnest yesterday when the Government signed a £9 million contract with a private consortium to build and operate a bypass in Northumberland.

The two-mile road on the A69 near the village of Haltwhistle will be designed, financed, built and run for the next 30 years by Roadlink, a group of six companies, including two from Italy.

Roadlink will be paid "shadow tolls" by the Government, according to the number of vehicles that use the bypass, although there will be no charge to drivers. As well as the contract to build the bypass, expected to be opened by the end of next year, the deal gives the group responsibility for the management of the entire 52-mile A69 route between Newcastle and Carlisle.

The level of shadow tolls is not being disclosed but it is known that Roadlink will receive a bonus for any safety improvements it makes to the roads and will be charged a levy every time a lane is out of use. Daily traffic on the A69 is forecast to rise from 38,000 vehicles to 57,000 by 2007.

The contract is the first of 13, worth a total of £1 billion, due to be signed under the Government's design, build, finance and operate roads programme, aimed at transferring responsibility for roads to the private sector.

At only £57 each to Scotland, you're better off together.

Get the picture? Book two flights to any of these destinations and get a great discount. But the offer ends on 31st January. So make it snappy.

EDINBURGH per person from	*£57*
GLASGOW per person from	*£57*
PALMA per person from	*£115*
PARIS per person from	*£65*
FRANKFURT per person from	*£99*
ZURICH per person from	*£119*
BELFAST per person from	*£54*
BERGEN per person from	*£169*
BRUSSELS per person from	*£65*
DUBLIN per person from	*£58*
NICE per person from	*£95*
PRAGUE per person from	*£135*
AMSTERDAM per person from	*£79*

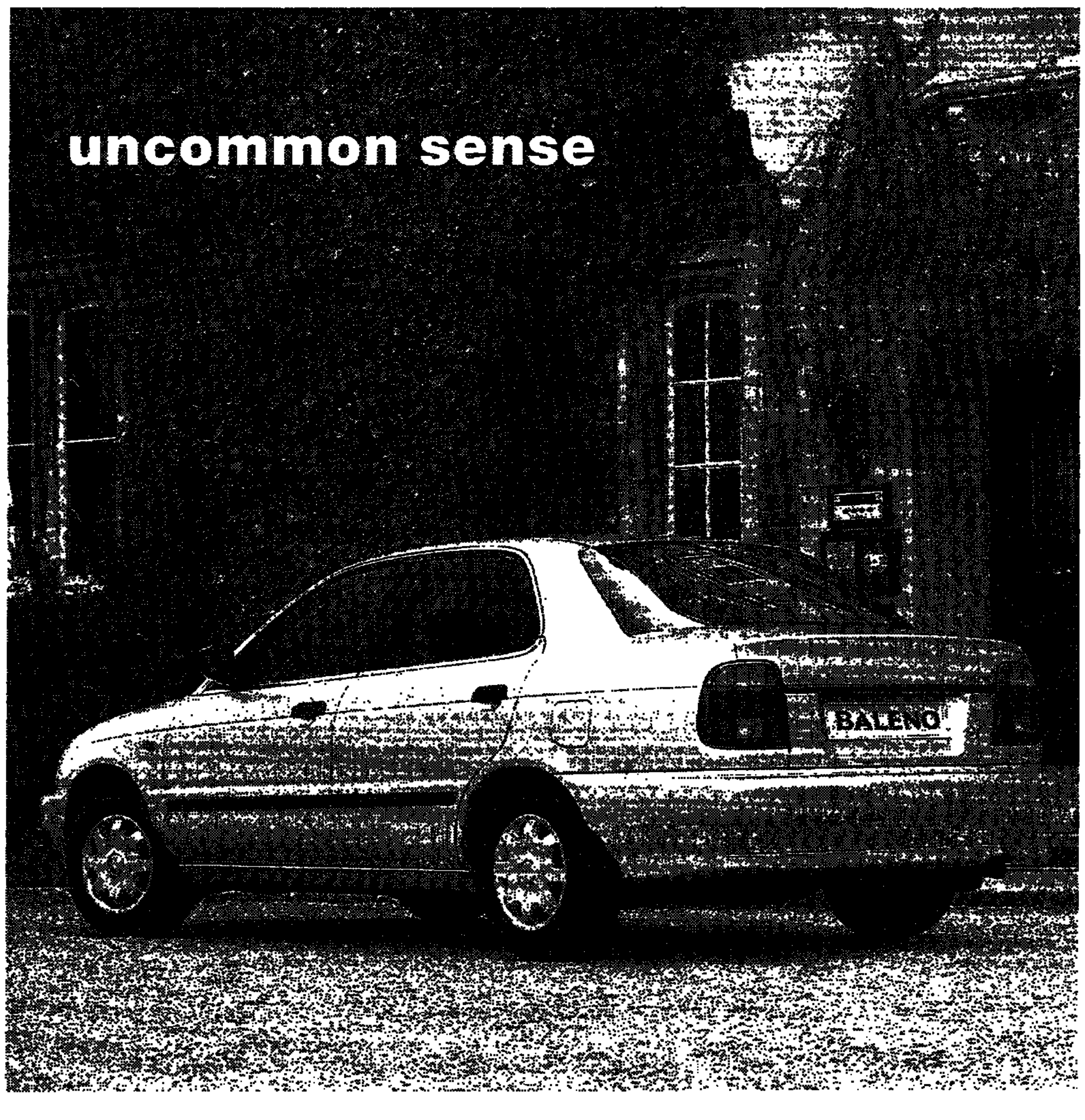
Return fares from London Heathrow.

British Midland

0345-554554

Contact your local travel agent, call for details, or book on the internet
http://www.iflybritishmidland.com/

The above return fares are valid when two people are travelling together. Fares are subject to availability and must be purchased before 31st January 1996 for travel completed before 31st March 1996. Travel must include a Saturday night stay. Passenger taxes will apply.



The Baleno from Suzuki. The newest model in our range, meticulously designed to give you everything you would expect from a car of this class, and a good few things that you wouldn't. It makes sense to us to have twin air bags, side impact protection beams, a lively 1.6 litre 16 valve fuel injected engine, power steering, electric mirrors and windows all as standard. It makes sense for you to have peace of mind from a three year new vehicle warranty, six year perforation warranty and 24 hour roadside assistance. And because it's a Suzuki you'll stand out from the crowd. However, there's one thing that just doesn't make sense. The price **£9,695.**

Price incl. VAT & excl. £385 for delivery & number plates.

for **Information** on the Suzuki **Baleno** call **24 hours...**

01892 535110

Name (Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms.): Address:

Postcode: Telephone:

Post to:- Suzuki Direct Link, PO Box 56, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2XY. TI84

Selected Suzuki vehicles are available on the Motability Scheme. Price and details correct at time of going to press. Model shown is the Baleno GLX saloon (£9,895.00 incl. VAT and excl. £385 for delivery and number plates). A range of finance purchase plans provided by Suzuki Financial Services Ltd are available through your local Suzuki dealer.

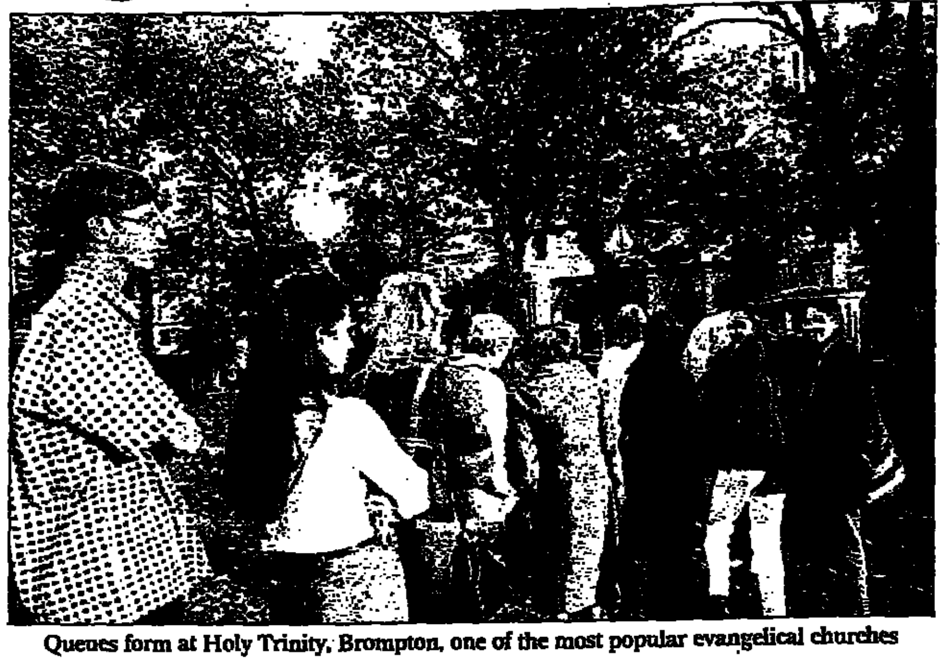
SUZUKI

هكذا من الأصل

Children boost numbers at evangelical churches

By Ruth Gledhill
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ADRIAN BROOKS



Queues form at Holy Trinity, Brompton, one of the most popular evangelical churches

CHILDREN and young people are helping to boost a growth in evangelical church attendance, according to a survey published last night.

In a survey of more than 1,000 evangelical churches from different denominations, more than half reported a growth in congregation size during the previous 12 months. A third remained static, while 14 per cent lost members.

The survey shows that 53 per cent of churches grew. In one third of churches, adult attendance remained static. But half the churches reported an increase in child attendance the previous year, and one third said there was a rise in churchgoing among youth. Twelve per cent saw child attendance decline.

The survey was published by the Evangelical Alliance, an umbrella group for evangelicals, as it celebrated its 150th birthday at the Wembley conference centre last night.

In his address to the 2,400 people at the celebration, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said it was not evangelicals alone who believed in the "great truths" of the finality of what Christ achieved on the Cross, the authority of Scripture and "the fullness of salvation in Him alone".

The strength of evangelicalism, he said, had lain "in its distinctive commitment to hold fast to them and to see them as being of supreme importance". But he warned evangelicals against believing that they alone "have the whole truth about God, and therefore the whole Church of Christ should be like us".

Dr Carey, whose own roots lie in the evangelical wing of the Church of England, said: "Evangelicals do not constitute the whole of Christendom, however strong, significant or large they become. But I remain convinced that evangelical faith and spirituality are gifts to be shared with the whole Church, and that the whole Church benefits when they are."

While the churches surveyed by the alliance were not asked to measure their growth, the results provide further evidence that the decline in churchgoing, which has characterised the postwar years, may at last have bottomed out. A recent Church of England report on the Decade of Evangelism, now into its sixth year, also showed that the 30-year decline might have ended, with the number of churches "planted", or founded, exceeding for the first time those closed.

Evangelicals represent a growing proportion of the churchgoing public. A typical success story is that of Holy Trinity in Brompton, west London, British home of the so-called Toronto Blessing, which regularly attracts crowds. But church attendance across the spectrum is unlikely to increase greatly unless growth takes place also in the middle-of-the-road churches.

John Earwicker, church life director of the Evangelical Alliance, said the survey results showed "that the vibrancy we knew existed is more widespread than we had imagined". He continued: "The challenge facing the Church remains enormous, particularly that of attracting children and young people. Yet it is promising to see that many hundreds of congregations bucking the trend."

The Rev Clive Calver, director-general of the alliance, said: "In the past 150 years evangelicals have achieved far more together than apart, from tackling persecution in Persia in the 1850s to speaking with a united voice on issues such as drug abuse and morality in the Nineties." In 1983, when Mr Calver, a Free Church minister, joined the alliance, the organisation had about 1,000 churchgoing members. Today it has 60,000.

Carey: praised beliefs in "the great truths"

From representing a few hundred churches, the alliance now represents 5,000. The number of evangelical societies or agencies such as World Vision affiliated to the alliance has grown from 90 to 800 over the same period, and the British arm in London now employs 83 people as opposed to six.

In recent years, separate national alliances have been founded in Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland and there is also an African-Caribbean alliance in Britain. In total, there are now evangelical alliances in 120 countries.

According to the Oslo-based research body Lausanne Statistics Task Force, the evangelical movement is growing three times faster than the world's population. In 1992, the ratio of non-Christians to evangelical Christians was 6.8 to one.

Element that touches every rebirth

Credo

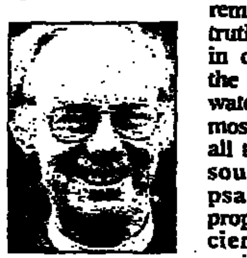
Ian Bradley

WILLIAM TEMPLE described Christianity as the most materialistic of all religions. So it is, in the sense that, rather than ignoring or seeking to spiritualise away the physical realm, the great Christian principle of incarnation makes matter the supreme vehicle and instrument of God.

For those blessed with an understanding of the true sacramentality of matter, the whole of Creation is shot through with the glory of God and the most ordinary and mundane things are invested with divine significance. The mysterious transformative process whereby basic physical elements assume an eternal and supernatural character is perhaps most clearly seen in the sacrament of baptism. Churches that follow the new revised three-year lectionary will tomorrow be celebrating Jesus's baptism in the River Jordan.

The element of water is vital in this key moment of His life and ministry when Jesus is acknowledged for the first time by God as His Son. It is equally vital for every baptism in the worldwide church today.

The water used for baptism is full of meaning and symbolism. It signifies cleansing. More dramatically, it also symbolises drowning. The one being baptised is not just being washed clean from impurities but dying to the old life of sin and rising again, re-enacting the central Christian motif of death and resurrection. This aspect of the sacrament may be more clearly demonstrated in those churches that practise baptism by total immersion but it is equally at the heart of the ceremony where a few drops from the font are sprinkled on the candidate's head.



Water is one of the most potent and highly charged images in Christian symbolism. Jesus memorably describes Himself as the water of life. The Book of Revelation speaks of the river of the water of life flowing from the throne of God. Last summer's drought reminded us of a truth long known in other parts of the world — that water is one of the most precious of all the Earth's resources. The psalmists and prophets of ancient Israel praised God as the one who led His people through the desert and parched ground to the "land which drinks water by the rain of Heaven". The Lord was worshipped as the bringer of rain to the thirsty land as well as the saviour of His people. It is striking how many of the great theophanies, or appearances of God, recorded in the Old Testament take place near wells or springs. This theme is continued in the New Testament when Jesus reveals His true identity to the Samaritan woman at the well.

Other religions, of course, have held water to be sacred. The Celts venerated springs and running water, a practice continued when they became Christian. Taoists regard water as exemplifying the highest good because it sticks close to the ground and is content to occupy the lowly places that humans disdain. There is perhaps something of the same sense of the river as a place of humility in Jesus's insistence on being baptised in the Jordan.

Jesus's baptism also points to the deep sacramentality of all matter. It is a gift from God that reflects His glory and is charged with spiritual significance.

☐ *Ian Bradley is a minister in the Church of Scotland and lecturer in the Department of Divinity at Aberdeen University.*

Cathedral's image cuts heating bill

By Ruth Gledhill

THE draughty corners of Durham Cathedral have helped to bring about a scheme that could save householders hundreds of pounds on heating bills.

A helicopter equipped with cameras developed by the Nasa space agency flew over the 900-year-old cathedral to produce a thermal image of the building that showed the areas of heat loss. Similar surveys are now being carried out over houses in the North East to identify where insulation needs to be improved. The information could help residents to cut their heating bills by a quarter.

Cathedral staff calculate that they can save £25,000 a year by insulating the areas highlighted by the images and by fitting a new boiler. John Williams, the cathedral's sub-receiver, said: "Before central heating, the cathedral was heated in a very basic manner, possibly by a number of stoves. I imagine people would bring along an extra coat.

"The thermal images have highlighted where the heat is escaping and helped us prioritise our plans for better insulation. As well as saving money it also means we are saving energy."

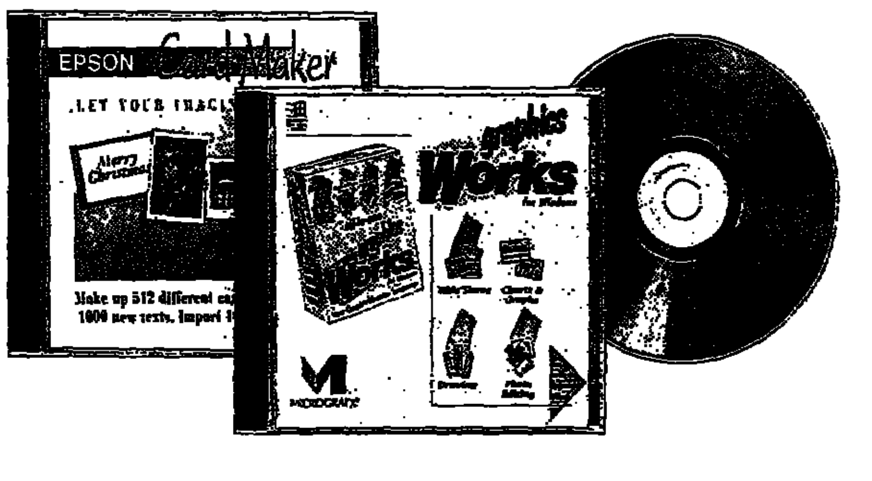
By Order of the Official Receiver J. Reuser Esq.
Bankruptcy Judgement # 0332 Insolvency Court of The Hague
re. Estate of the late E.Flipse

UNRESERVED BANKRUPTCY
LIQUIDATION AUCTION
to clear warehouse & finalise commission
The Flipse International Diplomatic & Consular Collections
High value, outstanding, rare & decorative categories, all guaranteed traditional handmade
Persian, Turkish, Caucasian, Afghan
& other Top International Calibre Workshop, Village & Tribal
ORIENTAL RUGS, RUNNERS & CARPETS
Following receipt of Receiver's instructions to urgently liquidate all outstanding merchandise from this commission, goods consolidated in warehouse & apportioned in large mixed sections to be put under the hammer piece-by-piece where held
entirely without reserve

IMMEDIATE PUBLIC AUCTION
in two sessions
SATURDAY 13 JANUARY AT 2 PM, VIEWING FROM 1 PM
&
SUNDAY 14 JANUARY AT 11 AM, VIEWING FROM 10 AM
at
WAREHOUSE 20, FARM LANE TRADING ESTATE,
101 FARM LANE, FULHAM, LONDON SW6
(By Earls Court Exhibition Centre, off Old Brompton Road/Lillie Road at Ongar Road; or off North End Road Fulham Broadway end, at Walham Grove; follow signs)
Telephone: 0171-381 6105 Payments: cash, cheques, credit cards EASY PARKING
Appointed by the Receiver to administer the liquidation of the Flipse Estate
BICKENSTAFF & KNOWLES, 6 The Arcade, Thurloe Street, London SW7.

Absolutely Brilliant.

Absolutely Free.



The world's most advanced 720dpi colour inkjets.
Now with FREE graphics software worth £99*.

Absolutely perfect for your PC. The award-winning 720dpi* Stylus Color inkjets dazzle with photo-real colour and ultra-sharp printing. Free Micrografx® Works™ for Windows brings you ultimate graphics power in one complete package. *And free Epson CardMaker™ software* gives you instant images and formats for hundreds of greetings cards.

See Epson Stylus Color at: Byte, Comet Multimedia Centres, John Lewis Partnership, PC World, and Epson dealers.

Stylus Color IIs
- 720dpi
- Photo-real 3 colour
- Professional black
- Only £249 RRP ex. VAT

Stylus Color II
- Accelerated 720dpi
- Photo-real 4 colour
- Double-density black
- Only £333 RRP ex. VAT

Send information on Stylus Color & my nearest dealer address
Name Title
Company
Address
Postcode
Return to: Freepost Epson [illegible]
[illegible]

Dial 100. Ask for Freephone Inkjet. EPSON

[illegible]

New faces fail to save Spitting Image satirists in a political age of all things moderate

Last stretch for rubber stars who miss Mrs Thatcher

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

POLITICIANS, *royals* and showbusiness celebrities are bracing themselves for a final savaging from the latex puppets of *Spitting Image*, the longest-running satirical television show.

A *host* of newcomers is joining the cast of 800 puppets for the final series, which starts tomorrow.

Labour's spin-doctor Peter Mandelson will be depicted as a hissing snake, wound *around the torso* of Tony Blair; Camilla Parker Bowles will be shown in the same bed as the Prince and Princess of Wales; Prince Charles will meet OJ Simpson in a bar and tell him how much *he admires his work*.

New faces also include the American film director Quentin Tarantino and the Gallagher brothers from the pop group Oasis.

Mr Mandelson said he was *flattered to have made it on to Spitting Image*. "I'm nobody's puppet ... The Tories are always complaining about my alleged qualities and now they can get annoyed by the rubber version of me too," he said.

The Prince of Wales in bed with his wife and Camilla Parker Bowles, and a snake-like Peter Mandelson with Tony Blair. Sketches will be more extreme, says the producer

The series, widely imitated around the world, began in the Thatcher era and its demise 12 years later has sparked a *debate* about whether television satire can thrive at a time when politicians from all sides are converging on the centre and where there is a conspicuous *lack* of inspirational, tub-thumping leadership.

Audiences have fallen gradually from 15 million in the 1980s to 6.5 million. Two years ago, the Independent Television Commission commented that "the originality and wit of *Spitting Image* has declined".

Giles Pilbrow, the show's producer, said: "There was a difficult *time, when the late* John Smith was leader of the Labour Party, with Major and Clinton in power. They were not as easy to lampoon as Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher and Neil Kinnock." Now he thinks there is more of interest. "The Labour Party is a complete joy because there is now a public perception of what they are all about. On the Government side things seem to be gelling too. *Michael Heseltine is still* a dream to do and we are going to portray Michael Portillo, now Defence Secretary, as a South American general."

He wants *Spitting Image* to go out "with a bang". As this series is being transmitted in the unusually late slot of 11.15pm, he was able to take even more liberties than usual. "The sketches will be much more extreme. There will not be any rudeness at the expense of humour, but as this is the last series we decided to up the level of satire," he said.

Mr Pilbrow's great regret is that the programme will not survive long enough to see a Labour government. "We were born under Thatcher and will die under Major. It is a tragedy."

Roger Law, co-creator of the show, said that the £2,000 *puppets would be put up for* auction after the series. He expects they will be much sought after by collectors — and by the subjects.

Black trooper to leave Life Guards

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE first black soldier to join the Household Cavalry as a trooper has been discharged from the Army on medical grounds.

Trooper Mark Campbell, 28, who became the first black soldier to ride alongside the Queen on state occasions, is to leave after a year serving with the Life Guards. He was viewed by the Army as a standard-bearer for other black recruits to join the Household Cavalry's prestigious regiments.

He was the first black *soldier to be taken on* as a trooper although there are others with the Household Cavalry in the band and maintenance section. However, after developing a serious skin complaint arising from an in-growing beard, he found he was unable to wear the metal chin strap of his ceremonial plumed helmet.

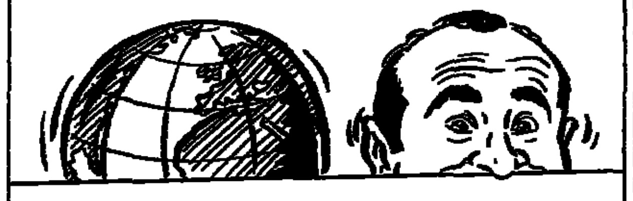
Campbell: claimed he was victim of racism

Army sources said it was impossible for him to fulfil his duties. "For weeks he couldn't ride the horse assigned to him and his commanding officer posted him from Knightsbridge to the training section at Windsor," one said.

In August last year, Trooper Campbell made history when he rode beside the Queen, his colonel-in-chief, as part of her 18-strong escort on VJ-Day. *After his transfer*, he alleged that he faced racial taunts but this was denied by the Army, which emphasised yesterday that his discharge had nothing to do with discrimination.

Trooper Campbell, from *Sedgley, near Wolverhampton*, asked to be returned to his unit at Knightsbridge barracks but his commanding officer turned him down, because he was still unable to carry out the ceremonial duties. *He is to be given a four*-week resettlement course in driving before leaving the Army in March. A spokesman said: "Trooper Campbell did well in his training course and it's a shame that he is unable to pursue his Army career."

The latest recruitment figures show that only 46 blacks out of a total of 5,740 recruits joined the Army in 1993-94.



CALL THE WORLD FOR A FEW BOB LESS.

Destination	First Telecom	Mercury	Save %
USA	£1.28	£3.40	62%
India	£7.39	£11.34	.35%
South Africa	£4.81	£7.05	32%
Hong Kong	£4.22	£6.56	36%
Japan	£4.34	£8.77	51%
Australia	£2.34	£5.23	55%
Brazil	£7.16	£9.94	28%
Canada	£1.75	£3.40	49%
Germany/France	£2.22	£2.59	14%
Israel	£6.69	£8.25	19%

(Price comparison based on a 10 minute call)

★ Savings to 100's of countries
★ All major credit cards and Delta accepted
★ "Minute Miles" bonus available
★ No start-up costs, membership or joining fees
★ Business and Residential customers welcome.
★ Operators available, 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.

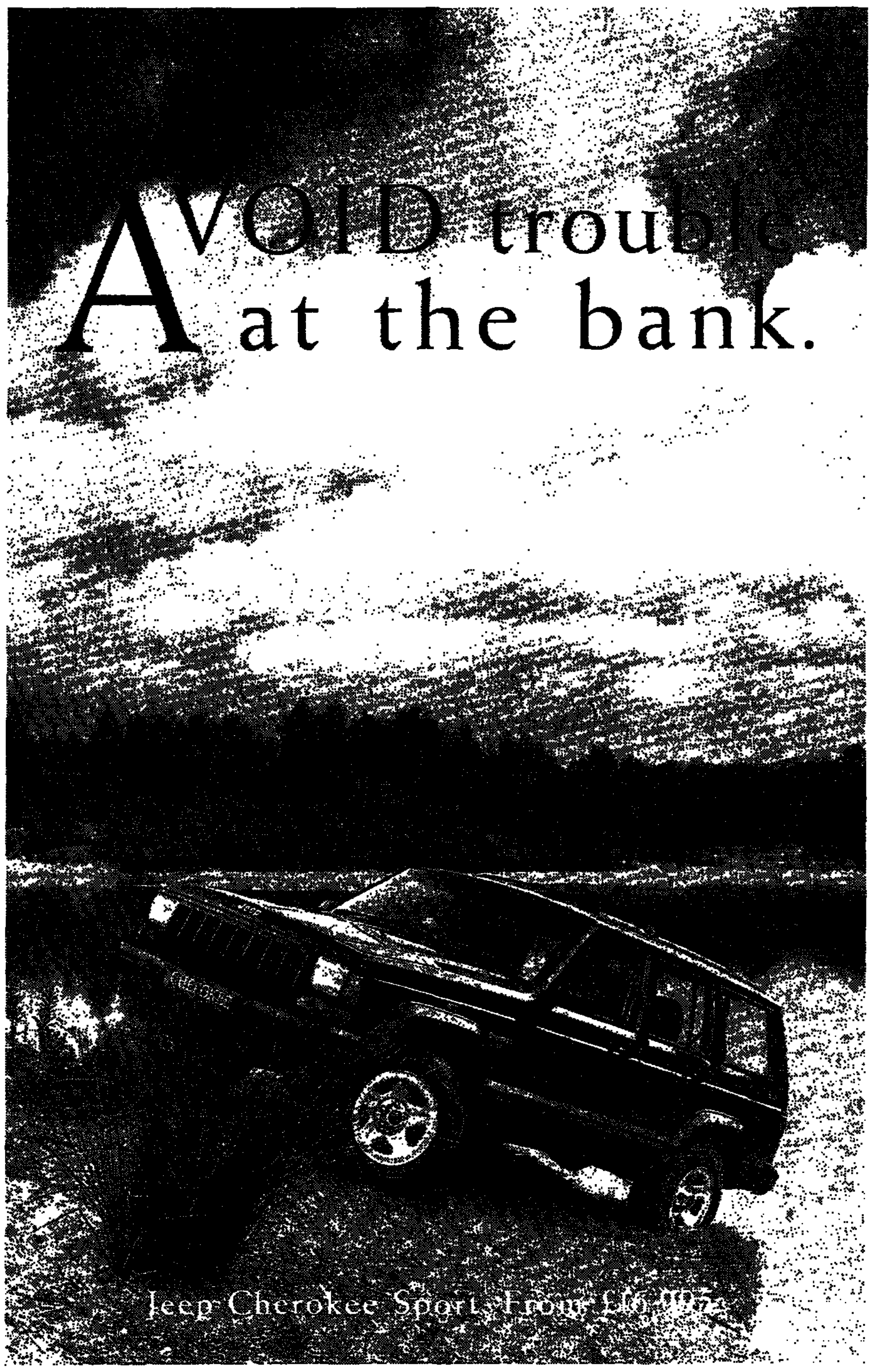
FREEPHONE
0800 376 66 66

FIRST TELECOM

BEFORE YOU PHONE THE WORLD, PHONE US.

Globally Speaking - a service provided by First Telecom plc [illegible]

[illegible]


Avoid trouble at the bank.
Jeep Cherokee Sport. From £16,995.

CHRYSLER INTERNATIONAL

Jeep
The American Legend.

LOOKING FOR A better performance from your money? See a Jeep dealer.

Invest in a Jeep Cherokee Sport and you'll get an impressive return. SELECT THE NEW 4.0 litre petrol, for example, and you'll enjoy very favourable figures (112 mph, 176 bhp, 0-60 in 9.5 secs) plus ABS and automatic transmission. Pick the 2.5 litre petrol or turbo diesel and you can reap the dividends of superb handling on and off-road. AS YOU WOULD EXPECT, awesome pulling power and strong mid-range acceleration keep your interest high. JEEP'S SOPHISTICATED shift-on-the-fly facility gives you instant access to legendary 4x4 performance.

And, to ensure your investment is safe, side impact protection guards, driver's airbag and a 3 year warranty* come as standard. SO, WHICHEVER MODEL you choose, you'll be laughing all the way to the you-know-where. For more information, call free on 0800 616159.

MR/MRS/MISS/MS (initials) SURNAME ADDRESS
POSTCODE PHONE HOME PHONE BUSINESS CT1-96

PRICE INCLUDES VAT BUT EXCLUDES DELIVERY AND NUMBER PLATES (£415 INCLUDING VAT) AND ROAD FUND LICENCE (CURRENTLY £140 P.A.) CALL FREE ON 0800 616159 OR SEND COUPON TO JEEP INFORMATION SERVICE, FREEPOST 1049, SANDWICH, KENT CT13 9BR *3 YEARS OR 60,000 MILES

Search for victims of Bosnian Serb massacres as US President meets his troops

War crimes team told of 8,000 bodies in mineshafts

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ALLEGATIONS that up to 8,000 bodies may be buried in mineshafts in northwest Bosnia guarded by Serb soldiers have been passed to the United Nations war crimes tribunal for investigation.

The latest claims of a massacre, however, will be impossible to establish until investigators can get proper access to the Serb-held areas.

Witnesses have claimed that Serbs have been emptying mass graves of bodies and dumping them in a disused mine outside the town of Ljubija, between Sanski Most and Prijedor, all Bosnian Serb-occupied locations.

The allegations will be checked by the UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague, which has representatives in Bosnia. The tribunal has been aware of past allegations that Serbs have been hiding bodies in mineshafts. Graham Blewitt, deputy prosecutor, said yesterday an earlier war crimes body, disbanded in April 1994, reported similar allegations, and the tribunal saw gaining access to the region as one of its priorities in the light of the Dayton, Ohio, peace agreement.

Mr Blewitt said it was difficult to stop evidence being destroyed. "Even if that has occurred and the tribunal is able to gather evidence that there has been the destruction of evidence, that in itself is evidence."

He expressed confidence that investigators supported by the Nato-led peace implementation force (Ifor) would soon gain access to suspected mass grave sites on Bosnian Serb territory. He said the sites could be secured by the troops until exhumations began in early spring.

A spokesman for Ifor in Sarajevo said it was not the responsibility of Nato troops to search for mass graves. It would be a matter for the UN war crimes tribunal and also for the Red Cross. Under the Dayton agreement which was signed as a treaty in Paris last month, any former warring party in Bosnia suspected of digging a mass grave is required to grant access to "grave registration personnel" from the accusing party to recover the bodies.

Reports yesterday suggested that decomposed bodies had been discovered by British Nato troops who are responsible for patrolling sector southwest, which also covers the Serb-held territory in the north, including Ljubija. The 2nd Battalion Light Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Benjamin Barry, is based in Ljubija.

A spokesman for the British headquarters at Gornji Vakuf in central Bosnia said the British units had found no evidence of a mass grave on Serb-held territory. He said about 12 bodies had been discovered in the area, but they had all been killed in "military action" and were above ground, not buried.

Christophe Girod, a senior official from the International Committee of the Red Cross, who is in Sarajevo for a prisoner exchange planned for early next week, said that if bodies were found their identity would be checked, if possible, against the list of people from all the warring factions who were still registered as missing.

The Red Cross does not publish a list of the missing because it is such a politically sensitive issue, although M Girod admitted it was in the thousands. The Bosnian Government claims that 24,000 Muslims are still missing, including 8,000 from Srebrenica after the enclave in eastern Bosnia fell to the Serbs in July last year. Three thousand are known to have been detained by the Serbs in Srebrenica; the fate of the remaining 5,000 is unkown.

American Major-General William Nash, left, greets Russian Colonel Aleksandr Lentsov after the first Russian plane with troops landed at Tuzla

Russians join US forces

BY MICHAEL EVANS

THE first batch of Russian paratroops landed at Tuzla in northern Bosnia yesterday to join the Americans in the Nato-led peace mission.

Russia is sending two airborne battalions and logistics units — a small brigade of about 1,600. The 120 Russians will be followed by the rest on trains later this month.

The Russians were welcomed by Major-General William Nash, commander of the American forces in Bosnia. They will be based east of Tuzla, near the town of Brcko in the disputed Posavina corridor.

Half of the 60,000-strong Nato-led forces have now arrived. About 8,800 British troops are in Bosnia and another 4,200 will be deployed by January 18. Today three batteries of British 155mm AS90 self-propelled heavy guns will arrive at Split.

Yesterday Serb leaders suspended a threat to evacuate up to 100,000 Serb families from Sarajevo and burn their homes. They asked Carl Bildt, the UN's civilian head in Bosnia, to appeal to people to stay in their homes. The Serbs had threatened to leave the Bosnian capital after Nato chiefs refused to delay the handover of their districts to the Bosnian Government.

Clinton uses Tuzla visit to bolster pact

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton flew to Bosnia-Herzegovina last night to meet American troops and encourage the region's warring parties to remain faithful to the peace accord reached in Dayton, Ohio.

Ostensibly, Mr Clinton is using the fleeting visit to his troops in Tuzla as a photo-opportunity for his coming campaign and as a diversion from the trials of the budget impasse in Washington. However, he is also meeting President Izetbegovic of Bosnia and President Tudjman of Croatia to lend his diplomatic weight to the terms of the peace initiative.

Already there are signs that the Nato mission is under pressure, with violence in Sarajevo and fighting threatened between Muslim and Croat partners in Mostar. One person was killed and six were wounded this week when a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at a tram in Sarajevo, in the worst attack since Nato forces were deployed last month.

Mr Clinton, who left the United States last night with an entourage of 100, including White House aides and senior national security advisers, is taking every precaution to ensure that his visit will be risk-free.

Army commanders at Tuzla have pressed Bosnian Serb forces to leave Mount Vis, a hill within easy artillery range of the base, and an armada of Apache helicopters is expected to patrol the area.

An advance party of 45 security personnel has been deployed in Tuzla and others have been sent to Hungary and Zagreb, thought to be the final leg of the journey before the President returns to Washington on Sunday night.

During his visit to Croatia, Mr Clinton will urge Dr Tudjman to remain faithful to the Dayton terms for Eastern Slavonia, the last region still held by rebel Serbs after the Croatian offensive last year. A UN protectorate is to oversee the demilitarised zone for two years before Eastern Slavonia is handed back to the authority of Zagreb.

THE B&Q BIG SALE

GAINSBOROUGH STYLE 400 7.2kW INSTANT ELECTRIC SHOWER
Was £99.99
SALE PRICE £69.99

GAINSBOROUGH ENERGY 1000 8.5kW INSTANT ELECTRIC SHOWER
Was £114.99
SALE PRICE £84.99

BOSCH CSB 550 RE VARIABLE SPEED REVERSING HAMMER DRILL
With 13mm chuck.
Was £65.95
SALE PRICE £55.95

CROWN VINYL MATT OR SILK EMULSION
Pure Brilliant White
5 Litres.
Was £11.29
SALE PRICE £8.99 each

SAVE £100
SHERWOOD BATHROOM CORNER SUITE
(Available in left or right hand positions.) White with Mahogany effect bath panel and toilet seat. Gold effect bath and basin taps, fittings and lever.
Was £495
SALE PRICE £395

10% OFF ALL RADIATORS

10% OFF [illegible]

20% OFF SELECTED LAMPS & SHADES

20% OFF SELECTED HARRISON DRAPE & SWISH PVC CURTAIN TRACK

SAVE £200
COUNTRY COTTAGE BATHROOM SUITE
White with Antique Pine effect side panel and toilet seat. Gold effect bath and basin taps, fittings and lever (end panel not included).
Was £595
SALE PRICE £395

AMCOR H200 DEHUMIDIFIER
CFC Free, with variable humidity control. 1 year free in-home guarantee.
Was £149.99
SALE PRICE £144.99

INTEREST FREE CREDIT* ON CONSERVATORIES
*Interest Free Credit is available when you spend over £1,000 in one transaction on all conservatories at B&Q. Ask our showroom consultant to guide you through our range. All conservatories are not on display in every store, but can be ordered from any B&Q.

Purchase Price	IFC Period
£1,000 - £1,999.99	9 months
£2,000 - £2,999.99	18 months
£3,000 or over	24 months

Example Repayment Table for Victorian Easy-fit PVC-u Conservatory:
(Ask in-store for details, price stated excludes base, accessories and installation)

Purchase Price	£2,299
Minimum 20% Deposit	£459.94
Loan Amount	£1,839.06
Repaid in 18 monthly instalments of	£102.17
Total amount payable	£2,299

*Credit available subject to acceptance and to UK residents only. Min 20% deposit required. Ask in-store for details of IFC. Written quotations available on request, phone 01132 471 471, B&Q plc. Offer excludes installation costs. Offer not available at B&Q Depots, The Depot and B&Q Warehouses. The Over 60's Club Card cannot be used to purchase conservatories. Please contact your local Council for planning permission before proceeding

COLONIAL 6 PANEL CLEAR-FACED PINE INTERIOR DOOR
78 x 30ins
Was £29.99
SALE PRICE £24.99

SINGLE POSTFORMED WORKTOP 3 METRE
Dapple Slate
28 x 600 x 3050mm.
Was £24.95
SALE PRICE £19.99 each

AQUAVAC SHERPA WET & DRY VACUUM CLEANER
1000W with 24 litre tank.
Was £59.99
SALE PRICE £44.99

BLACK FORGE MITRE SAW
550mm
Was £19.99
SALE PRICE £17.99

A1 BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM AJ600
Was £74.99
SALE PRICE £69.99

COLLAPSIBLE STORAGE BOX
47cm x 35cm x 23cm.
SPECIAL PURCHASE £2.99

You can do it when you B&Q it!

Sizes shown are approximate. Offers subject to availability, please 'phone to check before travelling. Bathroom suites include items as stated. All bathroom suites may not be displayed in all stores but can be ordered from any B&Q. The Over 60's Club Card cannot be used to purchase bathrooms or bathroomware. Prices and offers may vary at B&Q Warehouses, B&Q Depots or The Depot. See in-store for details of our price promise. For percentage off reductions, the discount will be deducted at the checkout for these items with the exception of the 20% Off Selected Lamps and Shades.

OPENING HOURS
Monday-Saturday Most stores 8am-8pm.
Sunday England & Wales 10am-4pm (where permitted).
Scotland & Northern Ireland 9am-6pm (Ballymena closed).
Certain store hours can vary, please 'phone your nearest store to confirm.

B&Q
BRITAIN'S BIGGEST D.I.Y CHAIN - FOR YOUR NEAREST STORE PHONE 0181 466 4166

"Between a third and a half of all cancers are caused by eating the wrong types of food"

Food for Thought
by
Vernon Coleman

If you know which foods to eat - and which to avoid - you can dramatically reduce your chances of developing cancer of the breast, cancer of the prostate, cancer of the colon, cancer of the ovary or cancer of the uterus.

Eating the right foods can also produce a great improvement in your health if you suffer from asthma, rheumatoid arthritis, heart trouble, indigestion, gall stones, varicose veins, wind, irritable bowel syndrome, high blood pressure, insomnia, allergies, tinnitus, ulcers, restless legs syndrome, premenstrual syndrome and many other problems.

A good deal of nonsense is written and broadcast about food. Finding the facts can be difficult.

Dr Vernon Coleman's book "Food for Thought" gives you the truth about foods and how to eat for good health.

It contains information on vegetarian eating, microwaves, drinking water, mad cow disease, food irradiation, food additives, vitamins, fats and many other subjects.

There's even a section explaining how you can lose weight and stay slim permanently and easily.

"... a guide to healthy eating which reads like a thriller"
(The Good Book Guide)

"The man is a national treasure"
(What Doctors Don't Tell You)

"Dr Vernon Coleman is one of our most enlightened, trenchant and sensible dispensers of medical advice"
(The Observer)

To order your copy send a cheque or postal order for £9.95 (payable to Healthbooks) to: Food for Thought Sales Office TI 6, Publishing House, Trinity Place, Barnstaple, Devon EX32 9HJ. Post and packing is FREE. Your book will be despatched within 21 days. Money back guarantee - simply return within 28 days of receipt for a full refund if not delighted.

Published by the European Medical Journal

هكذا من الأصل

FREE EVENT GOLF SHIRT

PLANNING A BUSINESS IN 1996?

LOOKING FOR AN

(without affecting your day)

TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE!

THE TIMES
MeesPierson
CORPORATE
GOLF
CHALLENGE

Mees Pierson
MERCHANT BANKERS SINCE 1720

CCH COUNTRY CLUB
CITROËN
WATERFORD CRYSTAL
GOLF WORLD

For more information and a registration form, complete this coupon and return to **The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge** PO Box 4, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 3DL.

Name..

Company Name..

Address..

....

....

Postcode..

Telephone..

REGISTERED WITH
WORLD CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE

New York sharpens legal axe for tree vandals

From Quentin Letts in New York

A NEW category of crime has been identified in New York — "premeditated arbicide". To counteract rising tree vandalism, the Mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, yesterday introduced stiff penalties for New Yorkers who cut down or mistreat trees.

Culprits will face prison sentences of up to a year and fines of $15,000 (£10,000). Mr Giuliani signed his tree Bill at the urging of his arboreally-inclined Parks Commissioner and in response to a recent surge in urban tree felling.

In the last six months tree abuse has more than doubled, and New York's 500,000 street trees have further dwindled. Three cases highlighted the trend. In the Bay Ridge neighbourhood, 44 trees were destroyed to clear an apartment block's view of the harbour. In Elmhurst three trees were toppled on a whim, while in Astoria a billboard company employee took his axe to two London planes and five honey locust trees which were obscuring an advertising hoarding.

The mayoralty nicknamed the cases "the Butcher of Bay Ridge", "the Elmhurst Executioner" and "the Astoria Arbicide". The Astoria man was this week given 500 hours of community service and was told by Acting Justice James Griffin that he was fortunate to escape a custodial sentence. Future culprits may not be so lucky.

In addition to stricter penalties, Mr Giuliani yesterday announced the introduction of a 24-hour, rapid-reaction tree security team. If citizens see anyone chopping down a tree, they are urged to summon help. The Mayor also did some pruning of his own, reducing the bureaucracy for tree planting permission. "One Stop Tree Shops" will in future ease the procedure. Would-be planters will simply dial 360-TREE to be dealt with at once.

Parke Spencer, a city spokesman, said: "We are going after people who arbitrarily destroy trees. The benefits of trees to people are tremendous. They provide clean air, shade, and help property values."

Hillary Clinton goes on TV to counter claims of wrongdoing

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

HILLARY CLINTON last night flatly denied the various allegations that are threatening to engulf her in spite of mounting evidence that supports them.

Interviewed by ABC television, the embattled First Lady denied ordering the 1993 sacking of the White House travel office or obstructing investigations into the suicide of Vincent Foster, the deputy White House counsel.

She forswore knowledge of fraudulent transactions by Madison Guaranty, the failed Arkansas bank at the heart of the Whitewater affair, for which she did legal work.

Mrs Clinton was even questioned about reports that she had thrown a bible or a lamp at her husband. "I have a pretty good arm," she replied. "If I'd thrown a lamp at somebody, I think you'd have known about it."

She hoped she was not becoming a liability "because I love my husband and I really believe in what he's doing and I want to help him". She admitted getting "a little distressed", but vowed: "We'll keep ploughing through."

Mrs Clinton's veracity has become such an issue that even the authorship of her new book on children is being questioned. The White House issued a press release insisting that the book was Mrs Clinton's work and summoned reporters to examine the handwritten manuscript.

However, *The Washington Post* noted that the publisher paid $120,000 (£78,00) to Barbara Feinman, a teacher of journalism, to elicit Mrs Clinton's thoughts and help to draft the book. She is not credited by name.

Mrs Clinton said she had been concerned about mismanagement in the travel office but insisted she "did not make the decisions" to sack the seven. A memorandum by David Watkins, a former White House aide, said there would have been "hell to pay" if he had defied her wishes and not sacked them.

Mrs Clinton has said she did "minimal" work for Madison, but her billing records show she did 60 hours with two bursts of activity.

One occurred as the bank hatched a crooked property deal, the second as it sought approval from state regulators appointed by Mr Clinton for a recapitalisation plan designed to avert bankruptcy. Mrs Clinton said that she was unaware of any fraudulent dealings by Madison.

Mrs Clinton has also said a Rose Law Firm colleague, Richard Massey, enlisted Madison as a client and did most of the work. In Senate testimony Mr Massey cast doubt on that account.

She was asked about telephone logs showing calls between her and a New York friend after Foster's suicide. Mrs Clinton's chief of staff and two other White House aides searched Foster's office, files were removed, and investigators were barred from searching the room.

"There were no documents taken out of Vincent Foster's office on the night he died, and I didn't direct anyone to interfere in any investigation," Mrs Clinton said. "We were grieving and some of those conversations consisted of us sobbing on the phone."

☐ **Capital closes:** Blizzards forced the Government to shut down again yesterday when all federal employees were told to stay at home.

Hillary Clinton talks to Barbara Walters, who interviewed her for an ABC News programme, which was aired yesterday. Mrs Clinton's questions included one on whether she had thrown a lamp or bible at her husband

Novel mirrors life at White House

By Martin Fletcher

HILLARY CLINTON has just published a tremendously worthy book on children, but the real talk of the White House is of a scurrilously irreverent new *roman à clef* by an anonymous writer with intimate knowledge of the Clintons and their habits.

Primary Colours is a thinly disguised account of Mr Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign that has half Washington trying to guess the author's identity a month before publication. Those who have read the proofs profess astonishment at the accuracy of the details and how closely the book captures the characters of the players.

The Clinton analogue is Jack Stanton, a Southern Governor with an eye for pretty women, a passion for policies and an amazing ability to empathise with voters. His wife, Susan, is smart, cold and a ruthless commander. When she gets agitated her husband comes up behind her and puts his hands on her shoulders to calm her, which is what Mr Clinton does.

The novel is about a campaign adviser, a black version of George Stephanopoulos, who is troubled by the candidate's tactics and sleeps with Mandy Grunwald, alias Daisy Green, the campaign's media adviser. Matthew Cooper, of *The New Republic* magazine, insists that is fiction, because he is dating Ms Grunwald. The only real clue is the dedication: "For my spouse, living proof that flamboyance and discretion are not mutually exclusive."

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

At this time of year many of us make resolutions to take better care of ourselves. But how many of us give up – because the routines we choose are too painful, too inconvenient, or just plain boring.

A total body work out

But the HealthRider is a different way to exercise. The first time you try it you'll notice that its unique, natural action makes it incredibly easy to use, and a lot of fun too. Yet it works all your major muscle groups at once to give you a thorough workout.

Smooth action - no impact

There's no excessive strain on any one area to leave you in pain the next day – and there's no jerking or jarring.

Twenty minutes on the HealthRider three times a week will build cardiovascular endurance, burn fat, improve muscle tone and increase your flexibility.

HealthRider is built to last and it's so quiet to use that you can even exercise while you're watching TV. It's about as easy as really effective exercise can get. No wonder HealthRider is the world's best selling exercise machine.

FREE DEMONSTRATION VIDEO AND FITNESS BOOKLET

HealthRider takes up just 0.5m² of floor space and can be paid for in easy, interest free instalments. So why not give us a call or fill in the coupon for a free demonstration video to show you how 1996 can be the year to keep your resolutions.

0800 022 222

CALLERS OUTSIDE THE UK SHOULD DIAL +353 1 405 4132

Please send me my free HealthRider demonstration video and fitness booklet. TMS
I understand that I will be under no obligation to purchase.

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) __________
Address __________
__________ Postcode __________
Tel (Day) __________ Evening __________

Send to: HealthRider, FREEPOST, (KT3358) Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0BR or call us on 0800 022 222

HealthRider®

PLUS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A YEAR'S FREE HEALTH CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Enjoy a free day at a health club

AN INTRODUCTION to a health club is an ideal way to start a fitter lifestyle. And today *The Times* invites readers to spend a free day at one of the 73 health clubs throughout the UK who are participating in this offer (a full list was published on Monday and Thursday).

Exercise not only helps to keep your body young and supple, it is also good for the heart, lungs and circulation — and it makes you feel good. So this is a great chance to start shaping a new you.

As our guest you will be given a free fitness assessment, free use of most facilities at the club, such as its swimming pool, sauna, steam room, aerobics classes and gym.

By taking up our offer of a free day at a participating health club, you will automatically be entered into a prize draw to receive a free one-year membership to the club of your choice. A total of £80,000 worth of free memberships is available.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR FREE FITNESS DAY

Collect four tokens, the final one is printed below with the voucher. Book your free day by telephone first, quoting *The Times offer*. The voucher, which must be presented to the club when you visit, is valid for one visit to one club. This offer is valid until February 29, 1996.

THE TIMES HEALTH CLUB OFFER

Mr/Mrs/Other ....
First Name(s) ....
Surname ....
Address ....
.... Postcode ....
Home phone ....

This voucher, when four different *Times* tokens are attached, entitles the bearer to free admittance to one of the health clubs featured in *The Times* promotion. This voucher also entitles the bearer to be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win a year's free membership at the health club visited. Offer valid until February 29, 1996.

THE TIMES
FREE HEALTH CLUB VISIT
TOKEN 6

Call now and our Fixed Rate TESSA will turn £9,000 into £12,750 tax-free, guaranteed.

Invest a lump sum of £9,000 now and you can be absolutely 100% certain to receive £12,750 tax-free in five years' time.

You'll have to act fast though. This is a very limited offer which is only available if you have £9,000 capital in a maturing TESSA.

For a £50 fee, you can reserve your funds right now for up to 3 months in advance. This fee is fully refunded when your investment is made.

You don't even have to be an existing TSB customer to apply.

You just have to be quick.

So ring TSB PhoneBank or call into your local branch and reserve your Fixed Rate TESSA as soon as possible.

CALL FREE 0500 758 400

Fixed Rate TESSA

TSB We want you to say YES

TSB Fixed Rate TESSAs are available for a limited period & offers may be withdrawn without prior notice. If the legislation changes the tax benefits may vary; it will also depend on your own financial circumstances. A TSB TESSA investment is for a 5 year term & is subject to TESSA eligibility rules. Standard TSB TESSA terms & conditions apply. Withdrawals in excess of 75% of interest earned will result in loss of tax exempt status and closure of the account. Early closure of a TSB Fixed Rate TESSA will result in a charge equal to 120 days gross interest. All calls will be recorded and monitored. TSB Bank plc, Victoria House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BZ. Registered in England and Wales. Number 1089268. TSB Bank Scotland plc, Henry Duncan House, 120 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4LH. Registered in Scotland. Number 95237.

هكذا من الأصل

Fury as eight Americans are picked to shoot one animal each in state cull

Indians file court case in crusade to protect the buffalo

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN INDIANS have gone to court to try to stop a buffalo hunt this weekend in New Mexico. The action illustrates the successful return of the buffalo from near-extinction and the enduring appeal to American sportsmen of the brooding, rip-snorting *Bison bison*.

The planned hunt is a small cull of the state's official herd of buffalo which grazes on government land. A mere eight beasts, all elderly bulls, have been selected for the chop. But to Indians the slaughter is an insult to a symbol of their culture. In affidavits presented to a district court in Santa Fe, the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Co-operative accused the state of New Mexico of violating the National Environmental Protection Act and of failing to treat buffalo with respect.

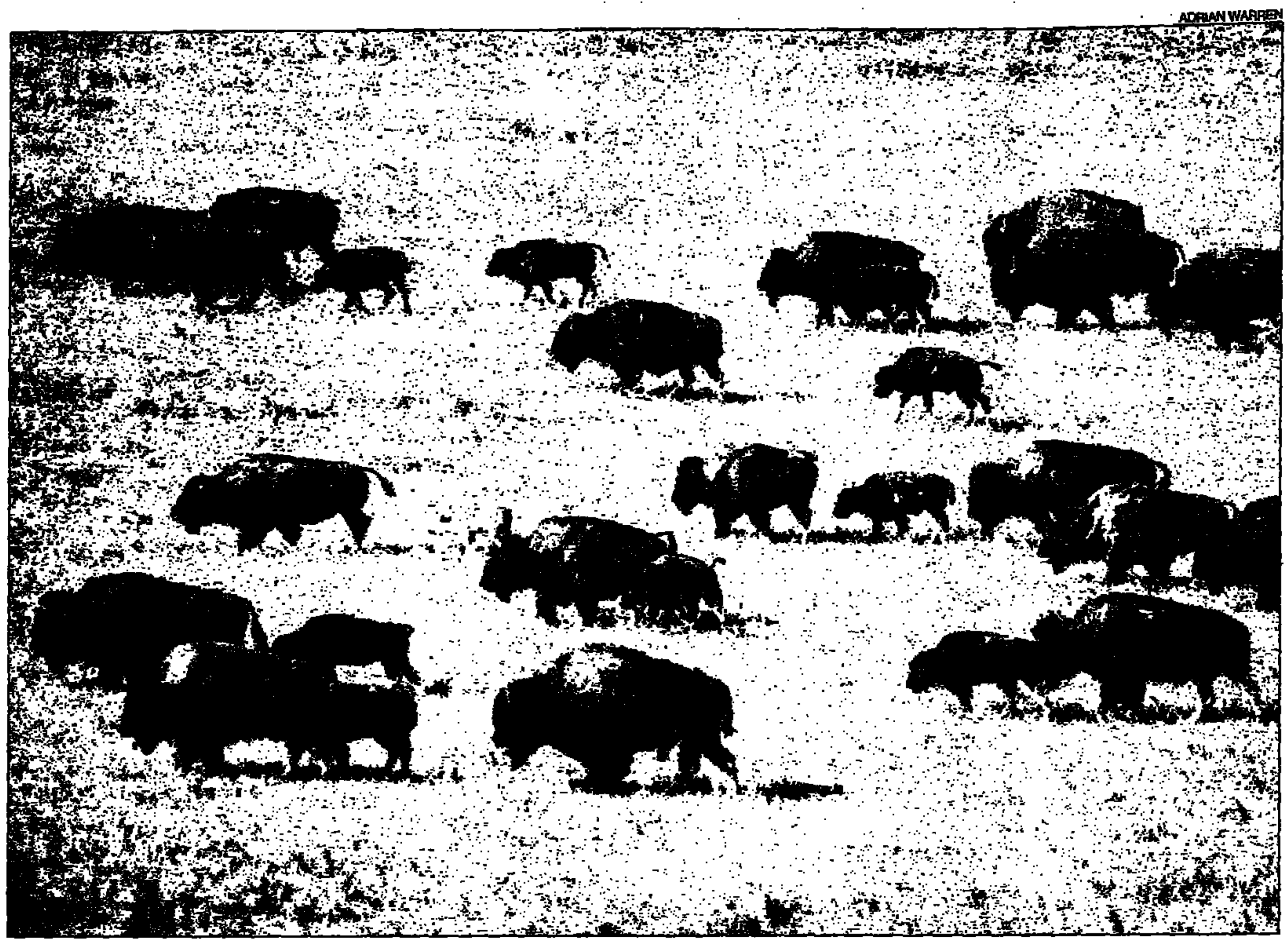
There is certainly an element of circus in the proceedings. Eight local men have been selected by lucky draw to shoot dead one buffalo each. So tame are the animals — if approached, they will not move — that the act of destruction will not call for great skill. However, the stuffed head of a buffalo bull remains a prized trophy and can do wonders for one's reputation down at the 'baccy store.

The buffalo was hunted to near oblivion in the 1800s. From a high point of 60 million, there were as few as 1,000 buffalo in existence in North America by 1889. Today, after extensive conservation, about 160,000 exist in the United States and Canada.

State officials say the culling is a scientific measure which will eventually strengthen the herd. By killing the old bulls they will lower the ratio of breeding-age bulls to cows in the New Mexico herd. Opponents of the hunt have offered to transport the animals to another part of the United States, where they could roam unmolested on 10 million acres of Indian reservations until the natural end of their lives. Mark Heckert, director of the co-operative, which helps Indian tribes with bison husbandry, said: "There is something better to do than simply blow the legs off these animals just because they happen to be standing in the wrong place." Culling and random killing of out-of-bounds buffalo has also been conducted surreptitiously in Montana, although it is now done by state wardens rather than locals. Carlos Tsosie, for the Picuris Pueblo tribe in New Mexico, said: "To Indian people this is a continuation of the genocide the Federal Government waged when it killed 60 million buffalo and nine million Indians. We look on this as senseless slaughter."

Public thinking on buffalo has changed in recent years. In 1987 two East Coast academics, Frank and Deborah Popper, were ridiculed when they proposed in a paper that the short-grass regions of east Montana, the Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas be opened to buffalo herds. The Poppers cited the remarkable human depopulation of these areas since the Twenties and a reduction in the beef market, but local people gave them a dusty reception. In the intervening nine years, the Popper theory seems to have started to turn into practice. Government agencies are converting land to buffalo grazing and the Nature Conservancy, a private body, has bought countless acres to assist buffalo.

ADRIAN WARREN



The American bison, championed by Indians as a symbol of their culture. Hunted almost to extinction in the last century, it is making a comeback

Yemeni habit of chewing the qat exacts heavy economic toll

FROM MICHAEL DYNES
IN SANAA

FARMERS grow rich on it: consumers get high on it, and government revenues are swelled by taxes levied on it. But the national penchant for chewing the leaves of a small bush called qat is distorting the Yemeni economy.

In a country almost the size of France, where only 3 per cent of the land can be cultivated, somewhere between a third and a half is devoted to the cultivation of qat — the so-called vice of the Red Sea. Chewing qat is as much a habit in Yemen as drinking beer is in Britain. It is easy to grow, it sells for a high price, and more and more farmers are being lured into abandoning traditional agricultural products for the substantial financial rewards that qat brings.

Qat or *Catha edulis foisk* contains a natural amphetamine called cathinone. Its bright green leaves are chewed in cuds until they become a paste. The juice is either swallowed or spat out. Over several hours, a large ball accumulates in the cheek, making the chewer appear as if he has a billiard ball in his mouth.

To the uninitiated, qat tastes a bit like privet: extremely bitter and very unpleasant. Yemenis, who have consumed qat for hundreds of years, insist, however, that the "magic leaf" makes them feel happy and alert. Moreover, it is an alternative to alcohol acceptable in the Koran.

The economic consequences of qat cultivation are becoming increasingly serious, however. Yemen imports more than $600 million (£389 million) in food a year, almost half the value of Yemen's current account deficit, due to the scarcity of fertile land, and the excessive amount given over to qat.

Moreover, the working day stops at about 1pm, so that the estimated 90 per cent of the population who indulge in the habit can haggle over the price in the qat markets, and then retire to chew the leaves. This has a big effect on productivity.

During Britain's days as a colonial power in Aden, attempts to ban the consumption of qat proved futile, and usually ended in riots. But fears that qat was a narcotic proved unfounded. According to a 1980 United Nations report, however, prolonged chewing of qat could lead to dental and gastric diseases, cirrhosis of the liver, loss of sleep, hypertension and cerebral haemorrhage. Studies published in the *Lancet* have also suggested that it can lead to violent behaviour and paranoid psychosis.

Qat has been banned in the United States, Canada, Scandinavia, France, Italy, Morocco and Saudi Arabia. It remains widely used, however, in Yemen, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Kenya. It is even exported to Britain, one of the few Western countries where it has not been banned, to meet the demand of the immigrant communities.

The high profits make it pointless for farmers to cultivate anything else. There seems to be no antidote for the mild stimulant, which exacts a heavy toll on national economies and the health of consumers.

González ally faces inquiry

Madrid: A former Spanish Interior Minister has been confined to the country while the Supreme Court investigates his role in a 1980s "dirty war" on Basque guerrillas. The court's decision is a blow to Felipe González, the Socialist Prime Minister, who faces general elections in March.

José Barrionuevo is one of the party's senior figures in the election campaign. Señor González said yesterday he believed in the innocence of the former minister who served from 1982 to 1988. The party posted his bail of 15 million pesetas (£80,500). But one of his accusers said Señor Barrionuevo "is now presumed guilty rather than presumed innocent". *(Reuter)*

French snub

Bastia, Corsica: Jean-Louis Debré, the French Interior Minister, snubbed a truce offer by Corsican nationalists behind a wave of bomb blasts over demands for greater autonomy for the island. *(AFP)*

Nazi reject

Zurich: Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, 80, the retired soprano, admitted she had applied to join the Nazi Party in 1940, saying it was to enable her to continue performing. Her request had been rejected. *(AFP)*

Space shuffle

Houston: The jets of the space shuttle *Endeavour* were fired to enable it to dodge a dead US satellite that would have come within a mile of it. Nasa said the shuttle and its crew of six were in no danger. *(AP)*

Seoul charges

Seoul: Chun Doo Hwan, the former President of South Korea, and five aides were charged with corruption, the latest move in a legal action that has put two former heads of state in jail. *(Reuter)*

Bed of nails

Delhi: An Indian, who since 1952 has grown the world's longest fingernails — up to 52 in — on his left hand, wants to sell them because he cannot sleep at night for fear of breaking them. *(AFP)*

The fare
of the year
£1996.
Connoisseur Class return.

London Heathrow to
New York and Washington.

£1996. That's a saving of over £350 on the normal Connoisseur Class return fare from London Heathrow to New York (Newark and JFK) and to Washington. On flights to Newark or Washington, you'll travel in the comfort of our new Boeing 777.

This special fare still earns you the full 'Mileage Plus' entitlement including bonus miles for Connoisseur Class travel. If you're not already a member of the "World's Best Frequent Flyer Programme" (as voted by readers of USA Today International) you can join when you book your flight.

Simply call United Airlines on 0181 990 9900 (0800 888 555 if you're calling from outside London) or see your travel agent.

To enjoy the fare of the year, your outbound travel must commence by 31st March 1996.

UNITED AIRLINES

UP TO 17½% OFF P&O AND PRINCESS CRUISES AT LUNN POLY.

Lunn Poly have joined forces with P&O and Princess Cruises for 1996 and Spring 1997. Save a massive 17½% on Canberra, 15% on Oriana and enjoy big savings on all P&O and Princess Cruises departing from April '96 to April '97. Or choose Lunn Poly's new Easy Pay scheme instead and there's up to twelve months to pay. All we ask is that you take out our top quality holiday insurance when you book.

Choose from a tempting variety of holidays in the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Alaska, the Baltic, Scandinavian Fjords or the Far East, and wherever you decide to cruise, P&O will take you there in style.

So for a great cruise holiday at a great price, set sail for your local Lunn Poly Holiday Shop now, or call us on †01203 223300.

Lunn Poly
EASY PAY
Scheme

ABTA 18067/E1800

P&O Cruises PRINCESS CRUISES Lunn Poly

Britain asked to halt fundraising by Tamil Tigers

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AMID reports that Sri Lanka is massing troops for a new attack on Tamil separatists, Lakshman Kadirgamar, the Foreign Minister, appealed yesterday to Britain to crack down on fund-raising by the Tamil Tigers.

Mr Kadirgamar said the Tigers often used intimidation and threats against Tamil families in Sri Lanka to force moderates to support terrorist activity.

Mr Kadirgamar said supporters of the Tigers were raising £250,000 a month in Britain, and more in Canada, Australia, America and other places where there were large communities. In talks on Monday with Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, he will urge the Government to take a tougher line over the use of Britain as a centre for propaganda and subversion by Tamil Tigers

Admitting that Colombo could not match the Tamils' resources in putting across its views and policies, he said that most governments, including Britain and India, were nevertheless sympathetic to Sri Lanka's efforts to grant autonomy to the Tamil areas. But he saw little chance of a settlement without the elimination of Velupillai Prabhakaran, the Tamil Tigers' commander, whom he likened to the leader of a fanatical cult.

He said the world condemned the use of children as fighters, brainwashed by propaganda and given suicide capsules to swallow if caught. He admitted, however, that until recently Colombo had a poor human rights record, and could not command sympathy until it had passed laws against torture, introduced human rights training for the armed forces, set up a commission to investigate abuses and lifted the state of emergency in most of the country — all of which was now in place.

Tourism, the country's main earner after textiles, had held up well and had recovered after last year's bombing of the oil storage tanks. But Mr Kadirgamar admitted that he was troubled by the growth of sex tourism and child prostitution. He said all in the region suffered from this, because of the vast sums that poor families could earn. He saluted recent Western laws to prosecute paedophiles who abused children overseas and hoped to discuss this issue, too, with Britain.

Another concern he has made a priority in his 18 months in office is the ill-treatment of Sri Lankans, especially housemaids, in the Middle East. He has set up an inter-governmental task force to see what could be done, and will next month hold talks in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf to see how the rights of Sri Lankan workers there can be better protected.

Hazel Burgess in Sydney yesterday with the skull which is believed to be that of Thomas Paine. She and her husband bought the remains from an antique dealer

Paine: founding father of US independence

DNA tests on 'Thomas Paine skull'

Sydney: The University of Queensland is "fingerprinting" a skull which is thought to be that of Thomas Paine, a founding father of American independence, to match its genetic makeup with those claiming to be his descendants.

Hazel Burgess, an anthropologist whose husband, John, says he is a descendant, bought the skull from an antique dealer in 1988. The dealer had bought it in Wales, and claimed it belonged to Paine. *(Reuter)*

Freezing smog strangles Delhi

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

IT IS not quite Blizzard '96, but Delhi has a winter weather crisis. Smog is choking the city and its ten million people as slum dwellers burn old tyres and scraps to keep warm in temperatures plunging to 5C.

That is cold enough to kill people too poor to protect themselves, and Delhi at night is a city of people huddled round open fires in the street. Flights in and out of the capital are in chaos because visibility is so low. Each day the smog grows worse, filling the hospitals with people complaining of respiratory problems.

The eye-watering smog is worst in the early morning, when visibility is down to 50 yards. There is not a breath of wind to blow it away and it is noon before the air clears a little. Morning rush-hour traffic moves inch by inch through a gloom of swirling smoke in what should be daylight. It is one of the worst periods of smog on record.

Japanese leader calls for fewer American troops

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S new Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, said yesterday that the United States and Japan should work to reduce American military presence in Okinawa, the country's southernmost island, and base for most of the 60,000 or so US troops stationed in Japan.

Mr Hashimoto, who is known for his nationalist views and tough approach to trade negotiations with America, adopted a more concilatory tone at a press conference marking his accession to the premiership; he described the relationship with Washington as "the most important" of Japan's bilateral ties.

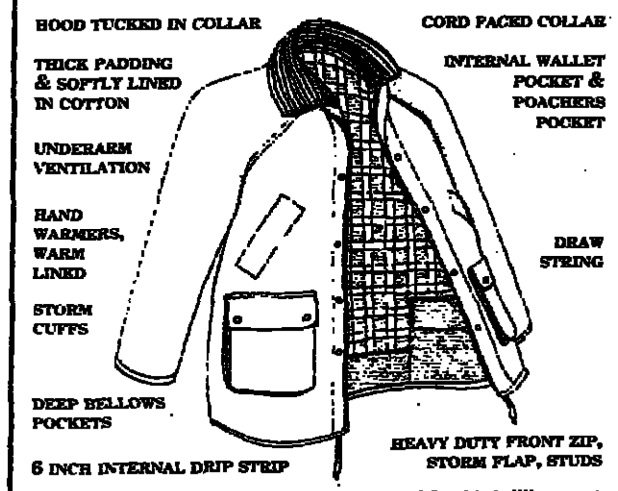
"Needless to say, the Japan-US security treaty remains basic to the relationship," he said. Mr Hashimoto made the remarks during his first press conference since becoming Prime Minister on Thursday.

Public opposition to American military bases has intensified since September, when three servicemen were accused of raping a Japanese schoolgirl. Mr Hashimoto said he hoped the United States would "understand the pain and suffering" of Okinawan citizens. He said he had conveyed his view on reducing the American military presence to President Clinton in their first telephone conversation since he took office. The American President is due to visit Japan in April for a meeting that is likely to focus on the issues of trade and security relations.

Mr Hashimoto, in his role as International Trade and Industry Minister in the previous administration, rejected all Washington's demands that Japan should commit itself to specific import targets. With a general election for the lower house of the Diet due this summer, Mr Hashimoto is likely to avoid making any big concessions on trade.

Japan's economic recovery would be the top priority of his administration, Mr Hashimoto said, adding: "The systems which have sustained Japan for the past 50 years now need to be drastically changed ... this year will be an inaugural year for changing Japan's main structures." Although Mr Hashimoto's political credo set out in his book, *A Vision of Japan*, suggests only modest changes to the trading status quo, he is in favour of greater public spending on the national infrastructure.

COLD AND DAMP?
SUPER PADDED COAT £25+p&p
made from waterproof fabric


HOOD TUCKED IN COLLAR
CORD FACED COLLAR
THICK PADDING & SOFTLY LINED IN COTTON
INTERNAL WALLET POCKET & POACHERS POCKET
UNDERARM VENTILATION
HAND WARMERS, WARM LINED
DRAW STRING
STORM CUFFS
DEEP BELLOWS POCKETS
HEAVY DUTY FRONT ZIP, STORM FLAP, STUDS
6 INCH INTERNAL DRIP STRIP

Yes it's back - time and time again we get asked for this brilliant coat - and just look at the price, only 1p more than in 1992. Britain is famous for its variable climate - right now it's all wet and cold and horrid! If you don't like it - BUY THIS COAT - and we know it will keep you dry and very warm. Popular country coat and the 3/4 length makes it a good car coat too - if you're going outdoors for work or pleasure, you'll need it.

Sizes: XS (34/36), S (36/38), M (38/40), L (42/44), XL (46), XXL (48)
Colours: Olive, Navy Material: Outer: nylon backed with pvc, Lining: cotton, Filling: polyester Item Ref: 10001 Super Padded

PHONE NOW ON 01768 899111
OR FAX 01768 899222 TO PLACE CREDIT CARD ORDER

SEND TO DEPT TT1301 TOWN & COUNTRY MANNER LTD,
PENRITH ESTATE, PENRITH, CUMBRIA CA11 9EQ

We hope to dispatch by return, otherwise you should hear from us within 28 days, if not please contact us. REFUND OR REPLACEMENT IF NOT DELIGHTED.

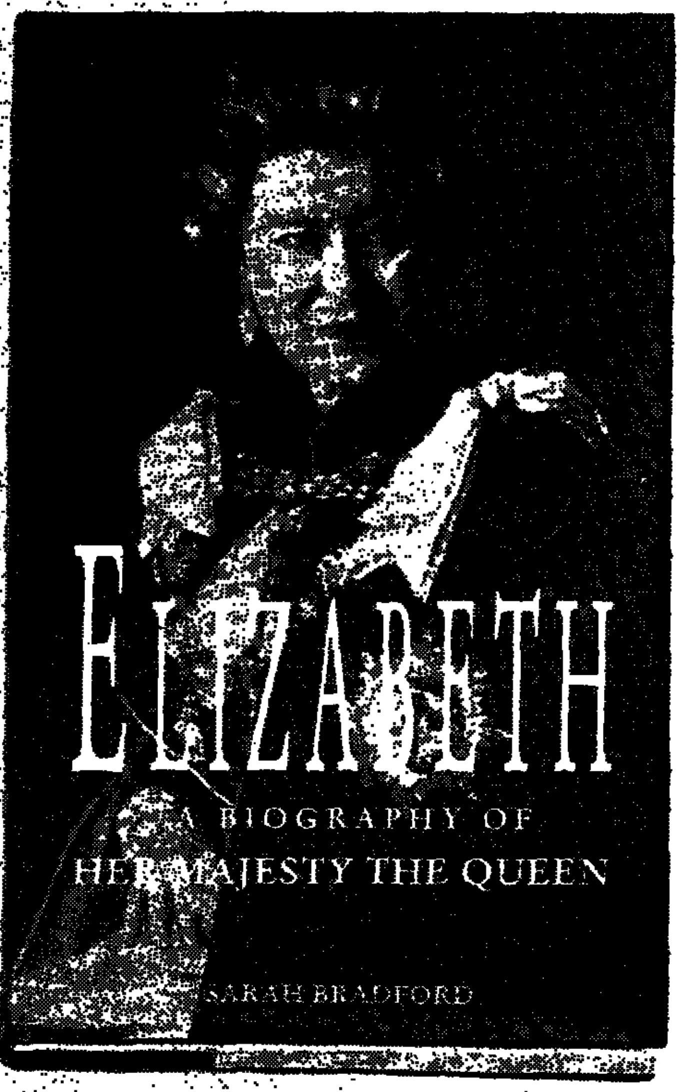
Qty	Item Ref.	Size	Colour	Alt. Colour	£
				p&p to £25	£2.99
				p&p to £75	£3.99
				Over £75	FREE
				Total	

Name
Address
Post Code: Signed:
I enclose my cheque/P.O for £ to Town & Country Manner Ltd
or charge my Access/Visa Card No. Exp Date:

If you are not interested in receiving information on approved services and products from third parties please tick

THE TIMES

An extraordinary biography...



THE TIMES
On Monday for only 10p

Times readers can get The Times on Monday at the special price of only 10p. Readers who wish to take advantage of this offer should cut out this voucher, fill in their name and address and take it to their newsagent on Monday. If you get your papers through an account with your newsagent you should hand your voucher in by Wednesday 31st January at the latest.

THE TIMES FOR ONLY 10p

TO THE NEWSAGENT

Please accept this voucher as part payment for the issue of The Times dated Monday 15th January 1996. This voucher is worth 21p (20p off the cover price plus 1p handling allowance) in the United Kingdom and 36p (35p off the cover price plus 1p handling allowance) in the Republic of Ireland. To obtain your 21p/36p refund, return the voucher to your News International wholesaler no later than Monday 5th February.

This voucher is only valid against a purchase of The Times dated Monday 15th January 1996. This cannot be accepted as payment for any other product, nor can this voucher be used with any other discount offer for The Times.

Newsagent
Address
Box no

Offer only available in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

... deserves an extraordinary offer.

The Times's exclusive serialisation of Sarah Bradford's new book on the Queen is the most intimate portrait of the monarch yet. Now there's further incentive to read on, because with the token on this page Monday's Times is only 10p.

So get The Times for 10p and the inside story on Elizabeth, on Monday.

CHANGING TIMES
http://www.the-times.co.uk

Death knell for 'KGB Prime Minister' in crime-ridden Poland

Police in gear with car mafia

A FRIEND was checking in for work at a Warsaw hospital when he glanced out of the window and saw a couple of young men stealing his new, uninsured Japanese car.

Two distraught days later, he received a telephone call from the crooks: he was offered the opportunity to buy back his Nissan for \$5,000 (£3,200), a special offer made in the post-Christmas spirit. The money was exchanged for the car key in the centre of the capital in an elaborate ritual.

The involvement of the police with the car mafia, whose business is stealing vehicles in Germany and selling them in Ukraine, is unproved but obvious. A disillusioned officer has left the service and, set up a detective agency that guarantees a quick, if pricey, return of the missing car.

Jozef Oleksy surrounded by his party members during the vote last year that cleared the way for him to become Prime Minister of Poland

Moscow spies' shadow blackens the Red baron

WARSAW FILE
by ROGER BOYES

JOZEF OLEKSY, the Polish Prime Minister, lives in a housing estate dubbed the Bay of Red Pigs because of its dense concentration of former Communists enjoying the bourgeois life.

For the most part, they live modestly: Mr Oleksy's flat has two bedrooms; President Kwasniewski, though rather richer than the Prime Minister, has an equally restrained lifestyle. Only Jerzy Urban, the provocative publisher — and erstwhile spokesman of the previous martial law regime — flaunts his new wealth. He runs a Jaguar, wears specially expanded Armani jeans, and inhabits Californian-style mansions.

One of Mr Oleksy's neighbours used to be Volodya Alganov. Built like a burly second-row forward, he was a cheerful backslapping commercial attaché in the Russian Embassy. He was also a KGB officer. Long before Mr Oleksy became Prime Minister, the Russian used to pop round to his neighbour, knock back vodka, exchange risqué jokes and talk politics.

Perhaps the most suspicious part of the whole story is the claim that Mr Oleksy, whose code-name was supposed to have been Olin, played tennis with his KGB contact. Mr Oleksy, it is fair to say, does not have an athletic frame. Asked about the Prime Minister's secret sporting habits, a spokeswoman said he liked "to go for walks". The KGB works in mysterious ways — but would it set up such an improbable rendezvous with the Prime Minister?

Mr Alganov (reportedly a colonel in the Russian secret service) denies that he ran the Prime Minister. "We were just good friends," he told reporters in Moscow recently.

For Poles, that was the political death knell for Mr Oleksy. In a few days, the military prosecutor will announce whether there is enough evidence to prosecute the Prime Minister as a KGB agent. Whatever is decided — and the prosecutor has a pile of tapped telephone transcripts and a covertly filmed videotape — Mr Oleksy's career is unlikely to flourish.

Nobody is ready to believe you can be "just good friends" with the KGB. The Prime Minister with his brittle humour and blurred features — as if he were wearing a stocking mask — will soon have to step aside. Conspiracy theories abound. One line is as follows: Moscow has briefed its secret services to do everything possible to hinder Poland's entry to Nato. Information about Mr Oleksy was leaked by the Russians to the Polish security service: a faction of the secret police loyal to former President Walesa fell for the ruse and pushed the evidence into the public domain.

The result: ammunition for those in the West who are having doubts about the eastward expansion of the Nato alliance. This is one of the more straightforward explanations. All versions, however labyrinthine, draw strength from a solid factual observation: the Russian security services (both the successor to the KGB and the GRU military espionage agency) have become very active in Poland and throughout Central Europe.

The former KGB *rezident* in Warsaw, General Vitali Pavlov, has been reminiscing on Polish radio about the good old days of the early 1980s when he could stroll through the corridors of the Interior Ministry in Warsaw.

In those days, there was not much need to spy on the Poles: eager Communists would bring them the latest titbits. Even so, there was a network of agents tucked away in the commercial section, working for Aeroflot or as foreign correspondents.

The fiercest roasting I received from the Polish authorities in the 1980s was when I reported the drunken behaviour of two Soviet correspondents — one of them evidently an agent — during a sleigh trip. Apparently, the Soviet service felt insulted by the report.

It is difficult to blame the Russians for trying to revive and build up new networks in Poland. First, they face the dilemma: how Communist are the former Communists in Central Europe? Can they still be relied upon to keep Moscow in touch with events?

Second, the Americans are as active as the Russians in the clandestine competition. By supporting the Solidarity underground during the Reagan era, the American services were in a privileged position when the 1989 revolutions threw the Communists out of power.

The other day a British reporter privately asked the Deputy Defence Minister what he made of the accusations of espionage levelled against Mr Oleksy.

He said he was doubtful about the evidence. "But you can never be sure. I have encountered three agents in my time in the army, and they all worked for the CIA."

Urban: now a wealthy Jaguar and Armani man

Bowing to convention

THE Queen will visit Poland at the end of March and Polish aristocrats are making discreet inquiries about invitations to the gala bash. But it is President Kwasniewski who seems to be the most unsettled. How should a former Communist greet the monarch? When the Princess Royal visited Warsaw some years ago, Mr Kwasniewski — invited to a reception at the Royal Castle as a member of the Polish Olympic Committee — could be heard whispering to colleagues: "Should I curtsey?"

Socialist is set to win presidency in close Lisbon vote

FROM REUTER IN LISBON

JORGE SAMPAIO, the Socialist former Mayor of Lisbon, looks set to complete a remarkable electoral double for his party and win tomorrow's presidential vote in Portugal, despite a late surge by Aníbal Cavaco Silva, his conservative rival.

Although polls show Senhor Cavaco Silva, the former Prime Minister, closing fast, political analysts say that Senhor Sampaio should still have the edge.

"Save a miracle, it will not be enough to win," the weekly news magazine *Visão* wrote of Senhor Cavaco Silva's late charge. Victory for Senhor Sampaio would be the second big boost for the Socialists in a few months; the party ended a decade in opposition when Antonio Guterres became Prime Minister after winning the October 1 elections.

A Socialist win would also mark the first time since democracy came to Portugal with the 1974 revolution, which toppled a right-wing dictatorship, that the country's voters had chosen a President and Prime Minister from the same party.

This possible concentration of power has been one of the key themes of Senhor Cavaco Silva's campaign. "You cannot put all the weight on the same side or the boat will sink," he told a rally recently.

Although the Portuguese President has a largely ceremonial role, he can veto legislation and, like the President of crisis-ridden Italy, his power to dissolve parliament can make him a key figure during political upheaval.

With the ruling Socialists just short of an overall parliamentary majority, the next President could well be called on to act as political arbiter during the four-year term of the present legislature.

Senhor Cavaco Silva, who governed Portugal for ten years until the elections three months ago, has made much of his experience and international connections, contrasting them with his opponent's lack of any prolonged period in government.

With Portugal facing some tough years if it is to get in shape for the European Union's ambitious plans to wed its economies in monetary union, Senhor Cavaco Silva says he is best placed to offer advice and counsel.

Last night the Socialist Government was dealt an embarrassing blow, two days before the elections to choose a successor to President Soares, when a minister offered to resign over allegations of tax evasion.

Murteira Nabo, the Public Works Minister, issued a statement saying that he had offered his resignation to Senhor Guterres after a report in the *Independente* weekly accused him of avoiding tax on a house purchase.

The minister, who was appointed only two weeks ago, admitted that the report "had a basis in fact" and said he had asked Senhor Guterres to relieve him of his post to avoid "affecting the image of the Government".

The newspaper said that Senhor Nabo, a former senior official with Portugal Telecom, had bought a house for 42 million escudos (£181,000) in 1992 but declared its value at only 33 million escudos.

Under Portuguese law, housebuyers should pay tax on the value of any property bought. Tax evasion is believed to be chronic and avoiding duty on house deals is one of the most common forms.

Cavaco Silva: making much of his experience

THE TIMES
TRAVEL OFFERS

ITALIAN CITY BREAKS

A WEEKEND IN FLORENCE
3 NIGHTS FROM JUST £259
DEPARTURES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1996

Stretching along the banks of the River Arno and overlooked by the Tuscan hills, Florence offers a wealth of architecture from the Renaissance period. Visit the Uffizi Gallery and many other museums which display masterpieces by da Vinci, Michelangelo and Botticelli. Alternatively, cross the ancient Ponte Vecchio and explore the most authentic quarter of this city or relax and browse through the many shops and boutiques around the piazzas. Optional excursions take you through the Tuscan countryside and Chianti vineyards to medieval Siena and San Gimignano.

A WEEKEND IN ROME
3 NIGHTS FROM JUST £259
DEPARTURES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1996

SEND FOR YOUR BROCHURE(S) TODAY
TELEPHONE FESTIVE HOLIDAYS ON
BROCHURE HOTLINE
0990 553355
or return the coupon below to:
THE TIMES ITALIAN CITY BREAKS OFFER,
FESTIVE HOLIDAYS LIMITED,
ACORN HOUSE, GREAT OAKS,
BASILDON, ESSEX, SS14 1AB
This holiday is operated by Festive Holidays, a company independent of Times Newspapers Ltd.
ABTA V86X ATOL 2172

Museums and monuments spanning over 2,000 years of history make this a superb weekend break in Italy's capital. There are so many architectural sights to discover including the ancient Roman Colosseum and Forum, the Vatican City and St Peter's Square. Visit Michelangelo's fresco in the Sistine Chapel and admire the view from the top of the Spanish Steps. Alternatively, browse in the exclusive designer shops along the Via Condotti or stroll through the gardens of the Villa Borghese to escape the bustle of city life. Optional excursions include a visit to the Frascati vineyards, a classical tour of the city or a chance to explore Rome by night.

THE PRICE FOR BOTH HOLIDAYS INCLUDES
● Scheduled flights from London Gatwick or Heathrow to Florence or Rome.
● FREE coach travel to the airport from selected pick-up points.
● Transfers between the airport and your hotel.
● Three nights accommodation in a four star city hotel with continental breakfast.
● A half day guided city tour.
● Services of a tour manager.

Italian Cities Offer
Please forward me an itinerary and a booking form for
☐ FLORENCE WEEKEND
☐ ROME WEEKEND
Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) ....
Address: ....
Post Code: ....
☐ If you do not wish to receive further information from Times Newspapers or companies specially selected by us, please tick the box. TIM

New Qantas Offers on long distance flights.
Details and conditions are available by phone or from Qantas Travel Centres, British Airways Travel Shops or travel agents. Flights are subject to limited availability and travel periods and must be booked by 25th January. Flights may be with British Airways. Passenger taxes apply.
QANTAS
0345 - 747 300

هكذا من الأصل

OPINION

Will our diet of top-class theatre suffer as a result of government intolerance?

VISUAL ART

Brave faces among the dealers at next week's London Contemporary Art Fair may hide a widespread unease

THE TIMES
ARTS

RISING STAR

Setting the scene: at 26, stage designer Angela Davies already has a memorable style

POP

Spicy from their first note to last: G. Love & Special Sauce wow the Electric Ballroom

Why do we stifle so much talent?

WEEK IN THE ARTS

RICHARD MORRISON

What a satisfying week this has been for those dreary people who subscribe to the "don't put your daughter on the stage, Mrs Worthington" school of dour pragmatism. First, a lurid film called *Showgirls* confirms all they ever suspected about how unscrupulous producers degrade young actresses. And the fact that *Showgirls* comes not from some backstreet porn merchant but from mainstream Hollywood only intensifies the prejudice — so cunningly exploited by Senator Bob Dole last year — that the core values of showbiz are rotten from top to bottom.

Then comes irrefutable evidence that a thespian life is not only likely to be immoral, but also jolly insecure as well. This week Britain's grandest employer of stage talent, the Royal Opera House, lurched closer to the kind of nemesis usually experienced in the more depressing sort of Greek tragedy. Perhaps the ROH management should hire Dame Diana Rigg to wail in a black shawl; at least they could claim to be reviving something bleak by Euripides, and pass round a collection plate.

Covent Garden redundancies, it is said, may run to 100, 200 . . . or even to the entire Royal Opera and Ballet, depending on how crass you believe the ROH's forward-planning (*planning*?) to have been. At the moment, if I understand the matter correctly — and if I do, I may be uniquely gifted — the ROH is committed to starting a £200 million redevelopment next year with only a fraction of the requisite dosh in the bank and not a clue about where to put its performers.

If this folly were perpetrated in any other field of endeavour they would call it madness, or at least Eurotunnel. "And that's how you manage your *flagship* arts company?" a visiting American colleague exclaimed last week. "God help the tugs and trawlers."

Of course, Americans are not the best people to lecture others about the importance of supporting highbrow culture, as I sharply reminded the impertinent fellow. But he had a point. Britain produces more superb performers per head of population than any other country. Abroad, they land the plum roles and are feted for it. Yet at home we make their lives miserable by spectacularly mismanaging, or suppressing, their talents. Indeed, we often appear to endorse an official intolerance of anybody pursuing an arts career.

Consider the battle now going on between Equity, the actors' union, and the Department of Employment over unemployment benefit — or "jobseekers' allowance" as we must soon call it, on the grounds that there are no unemployed people in Mr Major's Britain. I am no fan of Equity. One large reason why theatres such as Covent Garden are heading towards disaster is that Equity, with the other entertainment unions, has shackled them to working practices that were old when Garrick was young. Nevertheless, this time the union is right.

From October, officials will direct people who have been out of work for a time to retrain for a new trade. Equity argues that acting work is bound to be patchy, and that attending retraining courses would mean actors forfeiting the chance to audition for parts. The Department of Employment retorts that performers cannot expect to "hold out indefinitely" for work in their profession.

On the surface, this sounds reasonable. Equity has 43,000 members, 80 per cent of whom are currently out of work. That seems like a vast reservoir of stagnant human resource, idling life away, dreaming of the big break that will never come. In fact, most will be drifting in and out of acting work much of the time. Without this depth of talent from which to choose, our stage productions and TV dramas would be far less good.

This is not an argument to deploy on a grey morning in a dole office. But a government minister with an ounce of feeling for the arts should be able to grasp it. Actors are not malingerers. And the one advantage of the closed-shop operated by Equity is that it is not easy for malingerers to pass themselves off as actors. So this is not some outrageous scam waiting to be exposed with a cry of "gotcha" by a rabid politician on the make.

Sympathy, not suspicion, should be the official response to the resting luvvie. And there is one easy solution to thespian unemployment: reopen some of the theatres that have gone "dark". But that, of course, would be *far* too expensive for a nation that spent £100 million on one week's lottery tickets.

So, don't put your daughter on the stage, Mrs Worthington? I would never say that. Each time I see a show at one of our great conservatoires I come away exhilarated by the talent on display. Every year we produce nascent stars who — given half a chance — will dazzle, move and amuse us to the ends of our days. We must give them that half-chance.

We mustn't demean them with putrid dross like *Showgirls*. We mustn't disillusion them by concocting ghastly debacles like the Opera House redevelopment. We mustn't humiliate them in dole queues by treating them like antisocial parasites. A great talent can enrich everybody's lives. Why does it get smothered so often?

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

ANGELA DAVIES

Profession: Designer

Age: 26

What has she done? Davies, graduating from Nottingham Poly, won the Linbury Prize in 1991. She worked in Glasgow to avoid London's assistant designer ladder, then came south and was awarded *Time Out*'s Best Designer trophy in 1994 for her Victorian-inspired *The Great Highway* at the Gate, all ropes and pulleys, and her hessian-box desert at the Bush framing Naomi Wallace's *In The Heart Of America*.

Most recently: Davies converted the Gate into a barn rife with trapdoors for *The Ballad Of Wolves*, continuing the rough wood style of *The Boat Plays* with artistic director David Farr.

Her roots: The daughter of a welder, Davies retains a soft Rhondda Valley accent. "At 18," she remembers, "I saw a book on theatre design. I knew that was it. I phoned the RSC the next day, asking them what to do. They showed me round their studios and gave me free tickets."

Coming soon: Davies is currently creating a metal set "like an oven or cooling box" for ATC's touring production of *Miss Julie*.

Dreams: "I've done site-specific productions in a cave, Glasgow's fruit market and an old hospital, and hope to do more. Eventually I'd like to found a co-devising company. I am desperate to try a proscenium arch and perhaps work more in film."

Any disasters? "All kinds. On *The Great Highway*, a huge frame almost killed the set-builder. He had one wooden leg already. It just missed his other. Then I was up all night painting the set, thought I was filling the spray-gun but was pouring a bucket of paint into my lap. I finished the set in my knickers and went home in a towel."

On herself: My work is my vice. I have a passion for it.

KATE BASSETT

Art 96 may be a good introduction to British art, but the 'corner-shops' must stay, says **Charles Hall**

Going for a fair overview

A lot of people feel that if they walk in off the street into a gallery in Cork Street, they are going to be insulted or ignored, says Guy Peploe of the Scottish Gallery. At a fair such as Art 96, which opens this week at the Business Design Centre in Islington, "you can see the managing director, and ask all the silly questions you can think of".

Not that the managing director will mind. Thanks to the recession, the days when galleries could afford to be standoffish are long gone — even Cork Street now has an "open weekend", luring in the punters with free drinks and bargain prices.

But if commercial galleries are working harder than ever to reach new audiences, it reflects rather more than greed or desperation. The British art world is as divided as ever over what constitutes good art (or even art at all), but almost everyone feels that their particular version of the One True Tradition is more vigorous than it has been for years, and that it is British (or British-based) artists who are leading the way.

The only people apparently oblivious of this are the great British public. "We are," as the dealer Karsten Schubert puts it, "the centre of the art world, but not of the art market."

Art 96 is, or ought to be, at the heart of efforts to rectify the situation. The art fair, the only specialist contemporary fair in London, brings together more than 80 dealers, showing at least 10,000 works of art. It is the year's best chance to get an overview of what is going on in British art.

And the organisers can claim some notable coups. As well as attracting the venerable likes of the Fine Art Society, Art 96 has also won the support of the White Cube and Karsten Schubert galleries — two of the dealerships credited with bringing the cutting edge of the British avant-garde to its current international prominence.

But these successes are balanced by absences. This year, for example, there will be no Annely Juda, no Francis Graham-Dixon (defecting after seven years) and, worst of all, no Leslie Waddington.

Waddington's absence must be particularly galling. He is, after all, the country's most prestigious and prosperous dealer. He is also the man who, only two years ago, was sounding the death-knell of the commercial gallery system. Just as galleries in clusters or communities have always fared better than those working in isolation, Waddington reasoned, so art fairs, which can attract the best galleries in the world, showing the best of their stock, must prove more viable still.

And as rents and running costs rose, and the clientele became more and more international, so it made sense for dealers to close their permanent exhibition spaces and commute from one glamorous art fair to another. "A whole system of corner shops is dying," he said, suiting actions to his words by closing two of his five galleries in Cork Street. And now he isn't here.

But that remark was made in the context of a proposed expansion — Waddington plans to move his operations, in whole or part, to Paris, a move which will coincide, he says, with a similar move by the major auction houses.

Those defections can only accentuate his principal complaint: that London has little to recommend it to the kind of collectors he needs to attract. Our museums and galleries rarely match the calibre of exhibitions routinely staged in Paris and New York, while contemporary art attracts far higher rates of VAT here than it does in competing European capitals.

This drift away from London, if it continues, can only reinforce the timidity of British collectors, the bane of dealers of every aesthetic persuasion. Even Gillian Jason, of the Rhodes Jason Gallery, whose support for a figurative and expressionist school fits comfortably with domestic tastes, observes that "a European client sees something, wants it and buys it; the English always seem to suspect that they might be making fools of themselves".

Many dealers still argue that the London art fair could and should take its place in a co-ordinated strategy to put London's galleries back on the international map: "We need the main London dealers — all of them — to be here," Karsten Schubert says, "and we need to tie the fair into the programme at the salerooms. Unfortunately, people find it hard to sustain an effort over several years without seeing any results."

Annely Juda, a long-time supporter of the fair, with an international reputation for her support of the constructivist tradition of abstraction, is a case in point. She, like many of her fellow absentees, is looking instead to fairs in Basle, Paris, Chicago and Madrid, which attract a larger, more truly international audience — and do so, crucially, while charging galleries less for the privilege of participating.

But if Art 96 is unusually expensive to take part in, it is also unusual in not receiving public funding. This reduces what ought to be an event of international cultural (and financial) significance to a worthy provincial get-together: there are no major foreign dealers at the fair this year.

And it's not just that high costs tempt many dealers to stay away: the financial exposure is such that those who do come have to play safe in what they choose to show. As Guy Peploe says: "Our main programme is one-person shows. But you have to take a group show to a fair to minimise the risks — so we will be taking piles of catalogues and talking non-stop, so that people know it isn't just a rag-bag."

Art 96 is an invaluable introduction to the art world, but it is only that. Which is why, as Karsten Schubert says, the "corner shops" will never die.

● Art 96 *is at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London N1, (0171-359 3535), January 17-24*

British art, says Karsten Schubert, "is at the centre of the art world, but not the art market". Art 96 hopes to rectify this

A whiter shade of blues

POP

G. Love & Special Sauce
Electric Ballroom

WHAT'S a young white man supposed to make of the blues in the 1990s? There are those who seek to revive and revere it, but Garrett Dutton from Philadelphia has chosen instead to reinvent it (and himself) according to his own idiosyncratic specifications. Having met an upright bass player, Jimmy Prescott, and a drummer, Jeffrey Clemens, in Boston, he changed his name — and G. Love & Special Sauce were born in 1993.

A tall, lean figure in a brown suit, armed with an ancient electric guitar and harmonica, Love spent most of the time at the Electric Ballroom perched on a stool. An extraordinarily lackadaisical player and singer, he had a peculiar way with a lyric, often half-speaking, neo-rap style. In between chopping out sketchy riffs and nearly-formed jazz chords, his hands kept time in the air.

Prescott and Clemens were no less distinctive, and together the three produced a ramshackle, heavily syncopated sound that was strangely appealing. They played surprisingly little of their estimable second album *Coast To Coast Motel*, favouring numbers from their self-titled 1994 debut instead. Their improvisations tended to meander, and while scrupulous attention was paid at all times to the exact state of the groove, the show was rather left to take care of itself.

But their zest for the music was contagious, as was Love's enthusiasm for the subject of the women in his life. In case we hadn't got the message from songs such as *Sweet Sugar Mama*, he spelt out his preferences ("I like 'em young, long, lean and mean") and dedicated several songs to the "ladies in the house".

Not a gig that would have found favour with blues purists, but enjoyable because they dared to be different.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Cellphones Direct's **NEW**
1 SECOND BILLING
is stripping Orange of its appeal.

LIMITED OFFER £9.99 INC.VAT

Cellphones Direct has always brought you the best deals on a wide range of mobile phones. Now, to celebrate 1996, we've introduced a new digital tariff, making the best even better. The new Personal World Extra tariff includes 50 minutes of calls per month and is billed by the second. You also get access to the Vodafone digital network, providing the best coverage, both in the UK and Internationally.

All this plus the highest quality mobile phones at significantly lower prices than Mercury One2One and Orange, adds up to the best way to connect yourself in 1996. Simply phone us with your credit card details to receive your phone within 4 working days.

VODAFONE PERSONALWORLD EXTRA

Connection	£35.25 (£30+VAT)
Monthly Rental	£26.44 (£22.50+VAT)
Peak Rate Calls UK Wide	35.25p per min (30p+VAT)
Off Peak Calls	11.75p per min (10p+VAT)

[illegible]

AIRTIME INCLUDED 50 MINUTES PER MONTH

NOKIA
GSM MODEL 2010.
◆ 99 name/number memory ◆ 100 mins talk-time ◆ 30 hrs standby-time ◆ Complete with standard battery and fast travel charger ◆ Weight approx 320g

Cellphones direct

CALL NOW FOR FREE DELIVERY IN 4 WORKING DAYS
FREEPHONE 0500 000 888
CREDIT CARD ORDERING HOTLINE WEEKDAYS [illegible] WEEKENDS [illegible]

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CREDIT CARD AND THIS ADVERTISEMENT HANDY WHEN YOU CALL AND QUOTE REF 2915 (SORRY WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT SWITCH CARDS)

[illegible]

FROM 29 JAN AT THE SAVOY THEATRE
DUNCAN C WELDON PRESENTS
ANGELA THORNE IN
COMMUNICATING DOORS
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY
ALAN AYCKBOURN

"The audience in turn roaring with laughter and leaping forward in fright"
TODAY

"MASTERLY COMIC THRILLER"
TODAY

"Wonderfully funny and genuinely scary"
DAILY TELEGRAPH

SAVOY THEATRE
Strand, London WC2
BOX OFFICE & C.C: 0171-836 8888 [illegible]
CREDIT CARDS: 0171-420 0100 [illegible]

صورة عن الأصل

[illegible]

TO ADVERTISE
CALL: 0171 481 1920

ENTERTAINMENTS

FAX:
0171 481 9313

CLASSICAL CONCERTS

St. Albans Cathedral

Saturday 10th February 1996 at 7.30pm
Serenade for Strings - Elgar • Violin Concerto No. 3 in G - Mozart
"Hymn of Jesus" - Holst • Symphony No. 4 in E minor - Brahms
Tickets £18 £15 £12 £10 £6 (with con's) from Alban Arena (01727) 866466 (credit cards)
Orchestra Booking Office (01604) 830679 (cheques/Access/Visa) day/eve & Cathedral

The Philharmonic Choir
English Heritage Orchestra
Conductor: Graham Mayo • Solo violin: Joji Hattori

Royal Festival Hall
on the South Bank

Royal Festival Hall RFH 1 Tel 0171 960 4206 10am - 8pm

Sat 13 Jan 7.30 **Swan Lake** English National Ballet. Natalia Makarova's production, set to Tchaikovsky's sensational score. Matinée: 2.30pm Jan 13. £35 - £21 (SINGLES ONLY)

Fri 19 Jan 7.30 **Hugh Masekela** South Africa's greatest jazz ambassador joins with a band of young musicians to play at this celebration party for Africa 95. £20 - £7.50

Thursday 25 January 7.30 pm
IN AID OF THE MALCOLM SARGENT CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN*

MESSIAH
HANDEL
THE MALCOLM SARGENT FESTIVAL CHOIR
REBECCA EVANS RUBY PHILOGENE
MARC CLEAR RICHARD VAN ALLAN
JOHN BIRCH
THE ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
CHARLES FARNCOMBE Conductor
Registered Charity* £16.50, £14.50, £12.50, £9.50, £6.50

Sunday 11 February at 7.30pm
RAYMOND GUBBAY presents
BEETHOVEN
Overture, Leonore No.3
Piano Concerto No.5 (Emperor)
Symphony No.5
THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC
ADRIAN LEAPER cond HUGH TINNEY piano
£8, £12, £15, £19, £22, £25

Queen Elizabeth Hall RFH 2 Tel 0171 960 4206 10am - 8pm

Sat 13 Jan 7.30 **Handel: Messiah** London Orpheus Orchestra & Choir. J Gaddarn (cond) J Fugelle (sop) W Missin (c-ten) D Fieldsend (ten) P Savidge (bass) A Young (hpscd) J Birch (org). The complete Basil Lam edition. £18 - £12

Sun 14 Jan 7.15 **Kensington Symphony Orchestra** 40th Anniversary Season. Korngold: Die tote Stadt (UK prem). Russell Keable (cond) Elysian Singers, New London Children's Choir. £16, £12, £9, £7

Mon 15 Jan 7.45 **Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie** Stefan Sanderling (conductor) Imogen Cooper (piano). Pavel Haas: Study for Strings; Beethoven: Piano Conc No.2; Dvořák: Nocturne in B, Op.40; Serenade for strings. £22 - £8

Tue 16 Jan 7.45 **Carmina Quartet, Mitsuko Uchida** (piano) International Chamber Music Season. Schubert: String Quartet in G, D.887; Brahms: Piano Quintet in F minor, Op.34. £6

Wed 17 Jan 7.45 **Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie** Stefan Sanderling (conductor) Richard Stoltzman (clarinet) Works by Mahler; Lutoslawski; Poulenc; Copland; Prokofiev. £22, £17, £12, £8

RFH 2 & RFH 3 Tel 0171 960 4206 10am - 8pm

until 28 Jan **London International Mime Festival** A chance to see some of the world's finest visual theatre. The festival features: Compagnie Mossoux Bonte (Belgium); Compagnie Jerome Thomas (France); Wurre Wurre (Belgium); Circus Ronaldo (France); Scarlet Theatre (UK); Theatre Manjana (Sweden). Ring Box Office for details. Tickets from £9.50

"The South Bank Centre is a Registered Charity"

WIGMORE HALL

36 Wigmore Street
London W1H 0BP
Director
William Lyne MBE

Box Office
0171 935 2141
Mailing
List £7

Wigmore Hall Trust Reg Charity No [illegible]
LONDON ARTS BOARD

Sun 14 Jan 11.30am NB: time	KURT NIKKANEN violin CRISTINA ORTIZ piano Mozart: Sonata in E minor K304; Beethoven: Sonata in G Op.30 No.3; Fauré: Sonata No.1 in A Op.13 £7 incl. prog & coffee/sherry/juice	Coffee Concert Wigmore Hall/Harrison Parrott
Sun 14 Jan 4.00pm NB: time	MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN piano Liszt: Apparition No.1; Forest murmurs; Un sospiro; Hungarian Rhapsodies Nos.10, 13 & 2; Nuages gris; La lugubre gondola; En rêve; Reminiscences de Don Juan £12, £10, £8, £6.	Piano Recital Series Wigmore Hall/Georgina Ivor Assocs.
Mon 15 Jan 7.30pm	LIAM ABRAMSON cello; CHARLES WIFFEN piano Bach: Gamba Sonata in G minor; Mendelssohn: Sonata in B flat Op.45; Debussy: Sonata (1915); Rakhmaninov: Sonata in G minor Op.19 £12, £10, £8, £6	In assoc. with the Royal Over-Seas League Management: Isobel Williams
Tues 16 Jan 7.30pm	TRIO FONTENAY Beethoven Complete Piano Trios I Beethoven: Trio in D Op.70 No.1 *Ghost*; *Kakadu* Variations in G Op.121a; Trio in G Op.1 No.2 £14, £12, £9, £6	Chamber Music Season Wigmore Hall/Hörtnagel
Wed 17 Jan 7.30pm	RICHARD BOOTHBY gamba SHALEV AD-EL harpsichord; SUSANNA PELL gamba Bach: The Three Sonatas for viola da gamba and obbligato harpsichord BWV1027-9; Toccata in D minor; Marais: Tombeau de M. de Meliton; 4 Pièces de Viole	Early Music & Baroque Series £14, £12, £9, £6
Thurs 18 Jan 7.30pm	TRIO FONTENAY Beethoven Complete Piano Trios II Beethoven: Trio in C minor Op.1 No.3; Variations in E flat Op.44, Trio in B flat Op.97 *Archduke* £14, £12, £9, £6	Chamber Music Season Wigmore Hall/Hörtnagel
Sat 20 Jan 7.30pm	TRIO FONTENAY Beethoven Complete Piano Trios III Beethoven: Trio in E flat Op.1 No 1, Trio in B flat Op 11 *Gassenhauer Trio*; Trio in E flat Op.70 No.2 £14, £12, £9, £6	Chamber Music Season Wigmore Hall/Hörtnagel

VICTOR HOCHHAUSER presents at the
ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL
Saturday 20 January 7.30pm

IGOR OISTRAKH

plays
BRUCH & BEETHOVEN

with
The London Philharmonic
Conductor PHILIP LEDGER
MENDELSSOHN *Ov., Fingal's Cave*
BRUCH *Violin Concerto No 1*
BEETHOVEN *Violin Concerto in D*
Royal Festival Hall on the South Bank Box Office 0171 960 4242

CONCERTS

London Calling Music Ltd

ENTERTAINMENT BREAKS IN LONDON

Eric Clapton
Tina Turner * The Three Tenors
Simply Red * Shirley Bassey

Phantom of the Opera
Les Miserables * Miss Saigon * Joseph
Riverdance * Oliver * Sunset Boulevard

Telephone for full lists of events. We supply packages (only) that include 2-5 star hotel & top price tickets for any show.

Opening hours TEL: 0181 293 9778
Mon - Fri 10 - 6 Sun 1 - 5 FAX: 0181 293 9776

Barbican Centre

Fri 19 Jan 7.30pm

Charles Ives - The Unanswered Question
BBC Symphony Orchestra Andrew Davis *conductor*
BBC Symphony Brass, BBC Symphony Chorus
Ives The Unanswered Question; Robert Browning Overture; Music for Brass; Holidays Symphony
All seats £10 unreserved, £5 concs. Sponsored by Land Rover

Tues 23 Jan 7.30pm

Bach *Magnificat* & Vivaldi *Gloria*
Choral Classics. City of London Sinfonia, Joyful Company of Singers, Peter Broadbent *cond.* Andrew Watkinson *dir.* Sophie Daneman, Julia Gooding, Anne Mason, Richard Edgar Wilson, Christopher Purves *soloists*
Also Bach Brandenburg Concerto No 4 Vivaldi Concerto for 2 violins, 2 oboes & 2 recorders £7, £11, £13.50, £18, £22

Thu 25 Jan 7.30pm

English Chamber Orchestra
ECO
YAN PASCAL TORTELIER cond.
IDA HAENDEL violin
CHABRIER Suite Pastorale
DEBUSSY Prélude à l'aprés-midi d'un faune
CHAUSSON Poème for violin and orchestra
SARASATE Zigeunerweisen
DE FALLA El Amor Brujo
£6, £11, £16, £19.50 *Sponsored by Indosuez Capital*

Sun 28 Jan 7.30pm

THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC
The welcome return to the Barbican by the London Philharmonic
DAVID ANGUS conductor **JOSE FEGHALI** piano
Mendelssohn Hebrides Overture, *Fingal's Cave*
Sibelius Finlandia **Grieg** Piano Concerto
Beethoven Symphony No 6, *Pastoral*
£9.50, £14.50, £19.50, £22.50, £25.50 *Presented by Raymond Gubbay*

Thu 1 & Fri 2 Feb 7.30pm

Great Orchestras of the World
Semyon Bychkov conducts the Orchestre de Paris

Sat 10 Feb 8.00pm

CLASSIC GREATS
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
PAUL WYNNE GRIFFITHS cond. **JACK GIBBONS** piano
Dukas The Sorcerer's Apprentice,
Sibelius Finlandia, **Grieg** Peer Gynt Suite No.1.
Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue, **Ravel** Bolero.
Tchaikovsky *Swan Lake Suite.*
Elgar Pomp and Circumstance; March No 1
£9.50, £14.50, £19.50, £22.50, £25.50 *Presented by Raymond Gubbay*

0171 638 8891
(9am - 8pm daily)
The Barbican Centre is owned, funded and *managed by the Corporation of London*

ART GALLERIES

The Art Fair.

The London Contemporary Art Fair
17 - 21 January 1996
The Business Design Centre

Featuring Rising Stars of MA Painting presented by Habitat and The Pale Green Press

Upper Street, Islington Green,
London N1 0QH
Telephone: 0171-359 3535
Fax: 0171-288 6446
Web site: http://www.art-network.co.uk/art96

A T 6

THE RUSSIAN MALE NUDE OF THE 1950's.
AT £500 ONLY
ROY MILES GALLERY
29 Bruton Street, W1

Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 10-6 daily. Recorded info: 0171-439 4996/7. Advance Booking 0171-494 5676. **AFRICA: THE ART OF A CONTINENT.** - **FINAL WEEK! DAVID HOCKNEY: A DRAWING RETROSPECTIVE** - **FINAL TWO WEEKS!**

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 0171 632 8300 (24hr) **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Today 2.30 & 7.30 Mon 7.30 **LA BELLE VIVETTE**

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 0171 304 4000 for Box Off & Standby info Tickets available on the day. **The Royal Opera** Tue (First Night), Fri 7.00 **THE MIDSUMMER MARRIAGE** **The Royal Ballet** Wed 7.30 (Last Night) **SWAN LAKE**

THEATRES

FORTUNE Box Office 0171 836 2238 "One of the finest performances on the West End stage" What's On **MARIE** "A breath of fresh air" Times **EVERY SUNDAY 3.30pm**

THEATRES

ADELPHI "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S MASTERPIECE" [illegible] **SUNSET BOULEVARD** Winner of 7 Tony Awards including **BEST MUSICAL** Starring **PETULA CLARK** 24HR CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS CALL 0171 344 0055 (bkg fee) GRP BOOKINGS 0171 413 3302 (bkg fee) No booking fee for Adelphi Box Office Callers Recorded information 0171 379 8884 Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Thu & Sat 3.00

ALBERY BO 0171 369 1730 cc 0171 344 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 0171 413 3321 **"FIVE STAR SHOW ...IRRESISTIBLE"** D Exp **FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE SIXTH STOMPING YEAR** Mon-Thu 8pm Fri & Sat 6 & 8.45 **MUST END TONIGHT** Fri & Sat 6pm part [illegible]

ALDWYCH BO & cc 0171 416 6003 (no bkg fee) cc 344 4444 Grps 0171 413 3321/930 6123/416 6075 **The FIELDS of AMBROSIA** A New Musical "A stunning score" Standard [illegible] Red Price Prevs 20 Jan Opens 31 Jan

AMBASSADORS [illegible] 344 4444 **LAST 3 WEEKS!** **TRAINSPOTTING** [illegible]

APOLLO VICTORIA cc 0171 416 6055 cc 24hrs 0171 344 4444/0171 420 0000 Grps 0171 416 6075/413 3321 **Andrew Lloyd Webber's New production of STARLIGHT EXPRESS "A REBORN THEATRICAL DELIGHT"** Daily Mail [illegible] Tues [illegible] Tickets from £12.50

APOLLO LABATTS HAMMERSMITH 0171 416 6066 cc 344 4444/420 0000 (no bkg fee) **"ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER & TIM RICE'S BLOCKBUSTER"** [illegible] **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT** Starring **PHILLIP SCHOFIELD FEB 22 - APR 20**

APOLLO 494 5070/344 4444/420 0000 Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.15 **HAYLEY MILLS** "Magnificent" F.T. **JENNY SEAGROVE** "Impeccable" Times **DEAD GUILTY** "Richard Harris' new play is THE PERFECT THRILLER" S.Times

CAMBRIDGE BO & cc 0171 494 5054 cc (no bkg fee) 312 1992, 344 4444 Grps 413 3321/312 1970/420 3454 **FAME THE MUSICAL** "FAME IS A FEEL-GOOD TRIUMPH" Mail On Sunday **"BREATHTAKING"** Independent Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

COMEDY BO & cc 0171 369 1731 cc 0171 420 0000 (no bkg fee) **ZOE WANAMAKER** in **THE GLASS MENAGERIE** by **TENNESSEE WILLIAMS** Directed by **Sam Mendes** Eves 7.30 Mats Sat 3.00 LIMITED SEASON

CRITERION 369 1747/344 4444/420 0000 **JONATHAN HARVEY'S NEW COMEDY HIT RUPERT STREET LONELY HEARTS CLUB "wickedly funny...brilliantly comic"** D Mail Tues-Sat 8, Sat 4, Sun 3 & 7 **"NB 2 SUN PERFS AT 3 & 7"** 100 SEATS AT £10 ON THE DOOR DAILY 1hr BEFORE PERF

DOMINION TicketSnac 0171 416 6060/0171 420 0000 (bkg fee) Grps 0171 416 6075/413 3321/420 0200 **GREASE** Starring **RICHARD CALKIN** and **SAMANTHA JANUS** "Fast, furious & fun, fun, fun." Daily Mirror Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm **TICKETS AVAILABLE - APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE**

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL BO cc (Bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 0171 494 5000/344 4444/420 0000 Grps 494 5454/413 3311/312 8000 **MISS SAIGON "THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY OF OUR TIME" NOW IN ITS 7TH SENSATIONAL YEAR!** Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm *Good seats avail for Wed Mat & some perfs - apply B.O.* ***FOR TELEPHONE/POSTAL BOOKINGS & PERSONAL CALLERS*** **0171 494 5080 (BKG FEE)**

DUCHESS cc 0171 494 5070 cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee)/420 0000 (bkg fee) 0171 413 3321 Eves 8pm Wed mat 3pm Sat 5pm & 8.30 **"A SAUCY COMEDY"** E. Std **NOW IN ITS 5th YEAR** **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER "Gloriously Outrageous"** T.Out

DUKE OF YORK'S 0171 836 5122/5637 cc 420 0000/344 4444 (24 hrs, no fee) **ROYAL COURT CLASSICS** Henry Goodman Adrian G Sullivan Fred Pearson Tim Potter **HYSTERIA** Terry Johnson's **"CUSTARD PIE OF COMIC BRILLIANCE"** Time Out Best Comedy Olivier Award **LAST 3 WEEKS!** Eves 7.30 Mat Thu 25 January & Sat 3.00

FORTUNE BO & CC 0171 836 2238/0171 312 8033 **DAVID BURKE ANDREW HAVILL** **Susan Hill's THE WOMAN IN BLACK** Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt **"A real thrill of horror"** S.Times **NOW IN ITS 7TH YEAR** Mon-Sat 8pm Mats Tues 3pm Sat 4pm

GARRICK 0171 494 5085 0171 312 1990 (no bkg fee) **WINNER OF 19 MAJOR AWARDS The Royal National Theatre production** JB Priestley's **AN INSPECTOR CALLS "THRILLING...MUST BE SEEN"** D Mail **"ONE OF THE MOST INTOXICATING, THEATRICALLY IMAGINATIVE EXPERIENCES OF THE 1990s"** S.E **"TWO HOURS OF ENTHRALLING, VISUALLY STUNNING DRAMA"** D Tel **FINAL LONDON SEASON** Mon-Fri 7.45 Sat 5.00 & 8.15 Wed mat 2.30

HAYMARKET 930 8800 cc 344 4444/420 0000 (bkg fee) THE PETER HALL COMPANY **Martin Shaw Anna Carteret Penny Downie David Yelland Michael Denison Dulcie Gray** **OSCAR WILDE'S AN IDEAL HUSBAND** Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00 **RED PRICE PREVS NOW! 14 WEEKS ONLY EXTRA THURS MAT 18 JAN**

HER MAJESTY'S 24hr 494 5400 (bkg fee) CC 344 4444/420 0000 (bkg fee) Grps 494 5454/413 3311/930 6123 **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** Directed by HAROLD PRINCE **NOW BKG TO DEC 96** Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00 Apply to Box Office daily for returns

LONDON PALLADIUM BO/CC 0171 494 5020/344 4444 (£1 tkt serv chg) 420 0000 Grps 0171 413 3321 **JIM DALE RETURNS TO THE WEST END "A MAJOR THEATRICAL EVENT"** Daily Mail **OLIVER! 2ND SPECTACULAR YEAR "LIONEL BART'S MASTERPIECE YOU CAN'T ASK FOR MORE"** S Times Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30 **SOME GOOD SEATS AVAIL NOW FOR WEEKDAY PERFS**

LYRIC **Shafts Ave BO/cc** 0171 494 5560 cc 0171 344 4444 (no bkg fee) **Nichola McAuliffe Graham Turner and Frank Thornton HOBSON'S CHOICE** by Harold Brighouse **"MAGNIFICENT...an evening that brims with laughter"** D Tel **"Frank Hauser's deliciously piquant revival is A DELIGHT"** Std Eves 7.30 Mats Thur & Sat 3.00 **MUST CLOSE 20 JAN**

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 0171 928 2252 Grps 0171 620 0741 24hr cc bkg fee 0171 420 0000 **OLIVIER** Today 2.00 & 7.15 **MOTHER COURAGE & HER CHILDREN** Bertolt Brecht in a new version by David Hare. Mon 7.15 **VOLPONE** Ben Jonson **LYTTELTON** Today 2.15 & 7.30 **ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD** Tom Stoppard. Mon 7.30 **WILD OATS** John O'Keeffe **COTTESLOE** Today 2.30 & 7.30 (LAST PERF) **CYRANO** Edmond Rostand, adapted by Jatinder Verma, rendered into verse by Ranjit Bolt. Mon **7.30 VIOLIN TIME** Ken Campbell

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 BO 0171 405 0072 CC 0171 404 4079 24hr 0171 344 4444/420 0000 Grps 0171 413 3311/930 6123 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER/ T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL **CATS** Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00 LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION, PLEASE BE PROMPT. Bars open at 6.45 ***LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE.***

OLD VIC 0171 928 6655/312 8034 **The Royal National Theatre's THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS** ***"AN ABSOLUTE WINNER"*** Time Out **MATCHLESS PERFORMANCES... *UTTERLY ENCHANTING...A* SMALL MASTERPIECE"** Daily Mail **"A WONDERFUL EVENING"** F T **"AN IRRESISTIBLE PIECE OF THEATRE"** LWR Mon-Sat 7.30pm. Wed & Sat mats 2.30pm

PALACE THEATRE 0171-434 0909 cc 24hrs (bkg fee) 0171-344 4444 Grps 0171 413 3311 **THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR MUSICAL LES MISERABLES NOW IN ITS 11TH RECORD-BREAKING YEAR** *Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30* Latecomers not admitted until the interval **LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE**

PHOENIX BO/CC 0171 369 1733 /344 4444/420 0000 (fee) **BEST MUSICAL** Olivier/Drama Awards Plays & Players/Ivor Novello Awards **BLOOD BROTHERS STEPHANIE LAWRENCE STEFAN DENNIS CARL WAYNE "...Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval"** D Mail Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

PICCADILLY 0171 369 1734 cc 24hrs 344 4444 Grps 312 1970/413 3321 **"WINNER" BEST MUSICAL Evening Standard Award '95 "ONE OF THE BEST MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS LONDON HAS SEEN FOR YEARS"** D Express **"JERRY HERMAN'S WONDERFUL BURST OF MUSICAL FIREWORKS"** *D Mail* **MACK & MABEL THE HOLLYWOOD ROMANCE** Mon-Sat at 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat at 3.00

PLAYHOUSE 0171 839 4401 /0171 420 0000/0171 344 4444 **AN ALL STAR CAST IN RAY COONEY'S NEW COMEDY HIT FUNNY MONEY NOMINATED FOR BEST COMEDY 1995 OLIVIER AWARDS "LAUGHS GALORE...A WINNER"** D Exp **"Better than Feydeau...priceless"** D Tel Mon-Sat 8.00, Mats Thu 3.00, Sat 5.00

PRINCE EDWARD *0171 734 8951 cc (24hr no bkg fee) First Call 420 0100 / 0171 344 4444 Groups 930 5123.* **BEST MUSICAL Laurence Olivier Awards 93 *"YOU'D BE CRAZY TO MISS IT"*** D Mail **CRAZY FOR YOU "IS A GREAT, GLORIOUS, GLAMOROUS GOLDMINE OF A SHOW"** S Times Eves 7.45, Mats Thu & Sat 3.00 **GOOD SEATS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK LAST 7 WEEKS**

PRINCE EDWARD 0171 447 5400 First Call 420 0100 (24hr Bkg fee) 344 4444 Groups 420 0200 Cameron Mackintosh presents **MARTIN GUERRE** A New Musical by **BOUBLIL & SCHONBERG FROM 22 MAY 1996**

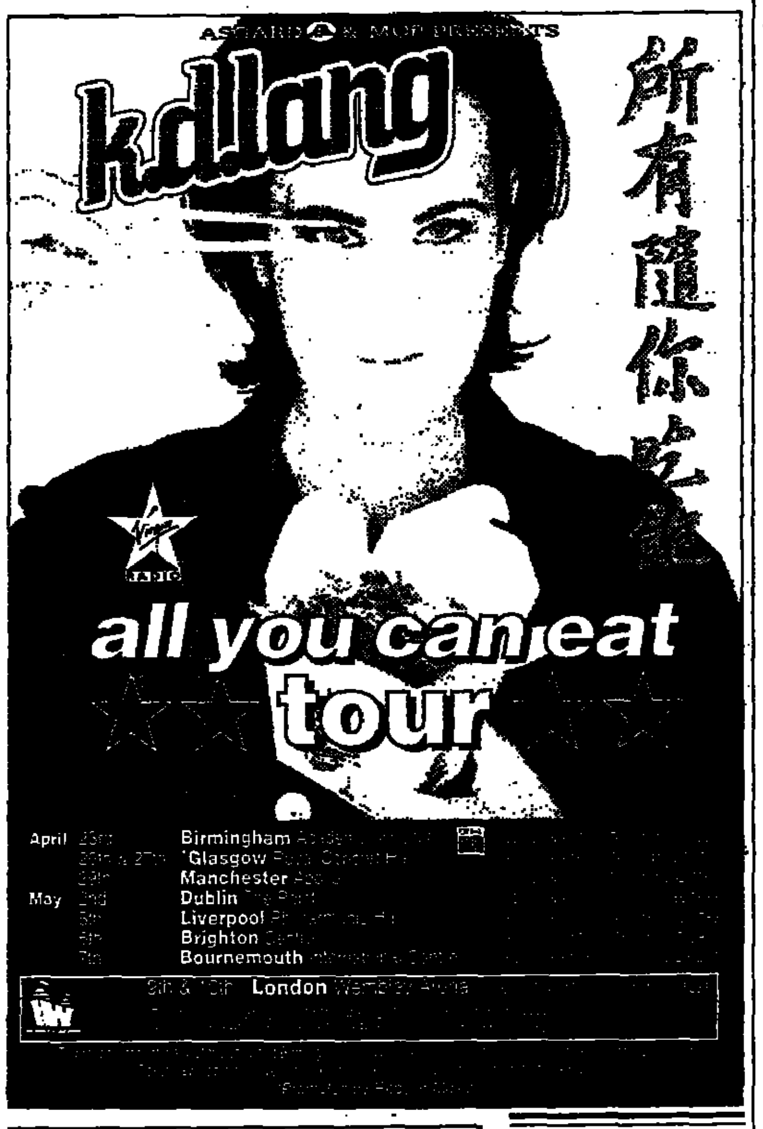
ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LONDON (0171 638 8891) **BARBICAN: A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Today 2.00 & 7.15 **THE PIT SON OF A MAN** Today 2.00 & 7.15 **STRATFORD** (01789 295623) **RST JULIUS CAESAR** Today 1.30 & 7.30 **SWAN THE CHERRY ORCHARD** Today 1.30 & 7.30 **TOP: THE PAINTER OF DISHONOUR** Ton't 7.30

SAVOY 0171 836 8888 cc 0171 420 0100 (no bkg fee) **ANGELA THORNE COMMUNICATING DOORS** by **ALAN AYCKBOURN** "A MELODRAMATIC COMEDY THRILLER WONDERFULLY FUNNY AND GENUINELY SCARY" D Tel "with the audience in turn ROARING WITH LAUGHTER AND LEAPING FORWARD IN FRIGHT" *Independent* Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00 **OPENS 29 JAN**

SAVOY THEATRE 0171 836 8888 cc 420 0000 grps 312 1970 No bkg fee **BELINDA LANG KEVIN McNALLY** *in Terry Johnson's award winning comedy* **DEAD FUNNY "Blissfully Witty and Wicked"** Eve Stand. **FINAL PERFORMANCES TODAY at 5pm & 8.15pm**

SHAFTESBURY 0171 379 5399 344 4444 (24hr/bkg fee) **RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET** THE COSMIC XMAS PARTY "deliriously addictive" D Tel Mon-Thurs 8.00 Fri, Sat 5 & 8.30 **MUST END TON'T**

CONCERTS



ASGARD PRESENTS
Returning to the UK following their triumphant debut in May!

THE MAVERICKS
"The finest purveyors of Ballroom Country Music"

January	10th	Wolverhampton Wulfrun Hall (Tel: 01902 312 030)
	25th	London Shepherd's Bush Empire (Tel: 0181 740 7474)
SOLD OUT	26th	London Shepherd's Bush Empire (Tel: 0181 740 7474)
	28th	Norwich University (Tel: 01603 505401)
	29th	Manchester Academy (Tel: 0161 275 2930)
	30th	Glasgow Royal Concert Hall (Tel: 0141 227 5511)

ALISON KRAUSS & UNION STATION
SPECIAL GUEST: MARCUS HUMMON

January	24th	Glasgow Concert Hall (Tel: 0141 227 5511)
	25th	Coventry Warwick Arts Centre (Tel: 01203 524 524)
	31st	Basingstoke The Anvil (01256 844244)
February	1st	Liverpool Royal Philharmonic (0151 709 3789)
	2nd	Manchester Apollo (0161 242 2560)
SOLD OUT	3rd	London RFH 1, Royal Festival Hall (Tel: 0171 960 4242)

DANCE

The new show from the creator of CUMBRE FLAMENCA

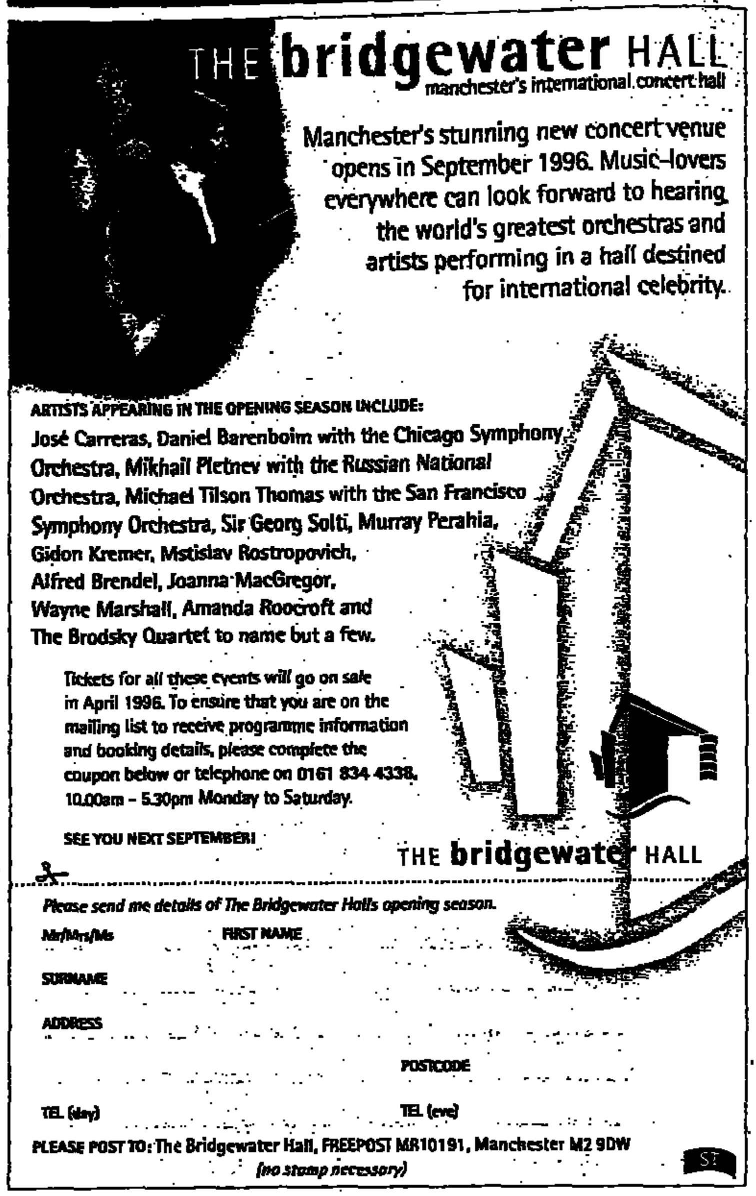
"Mesmerising"
Guardian
11.1.96

"Passion and fire on tap"
The Times

CORAZON FLAMENCO

SADLER'S WELLS 0171 413 1442
[illegible] 0171 713 6000

THEATRE



THE bridgewater HALL
manchester's international concert hall

Manchester's stunning new concert venue opens in September 1996. Music-lovers everywhere can look forward to hearing the world's greatest orchestras and artists performing in a hall destined for international celebrity.

ARTISTS APPEARING IN THE OPENING SEASON INCLUDE:
José Carreras, Daniel Barenboim with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Mikhail Pletnev with the Russian National Orchestra, Michael Tilson Thomas with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Sir Georg Solti, Murray Perahia, Gidon Kremer, Mstislav Rostropovich, Alfred Brendel, Joanna MacGregor, Wayne Marshall, Amanda Roocroft and The Brodsky Quartet to name but a few.

Tickets for all these events will go on sale in April 1996. To ensure that you are on the mailing list to receive programme information and booking details, please complete the coupon below or telephone on 0161 834 4338, 10.00am - 5.30pm Monday to Saturday.

SEE YOU NEXT SEPTEMBER!

THE bridgewater HALL

Please send me details of The Bridgewater Halls opening season.

Mr/Mrs/Ms FIRST NAME
SURNAME
ADDRESS
POSTCODE
TEL (day) TEL (eve)

PLEASE POST TO: The Bridgewater Hall, FREEPOST MR10191, Manchester M2 9DW
(no stamp necessary)

ST

THEATRES

"BREATHTAKING"
INDEPENDENT

FOR ALL THE FAMILY

MASSIVE SAVINGS OF £50.00
4 TOP PRICE TICKETS (NORMALLY £25 EACH) FOR THE PRICE OF 2

CALL NOW
0171 494 5079
OFFER VALID FOR MONDAY-THURSDAY PERFORMANCES UNTIL 15 FEBRUARY 1996
SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY 31 JANUARY

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE
LONDON

LUXURY LONDON THEATRE BREAKS.

PRICE INCLUDES:
- 1 or 2 nights accommodation in a 4 or 5 star hotel.
- Best theatre tickets at the show of your choice.
- Chauffeured car from the hotel to theatre.
- Call for free brochure.

Now booking for PHANTOM 1996 *Best Seats!*

BOOKING & BROCHURE HOTLINE
01484 435353
Open 7 days

1 NIGHT 4* **£139**
2 NIGHTS 4* **£189**
Includes afternoon tea at the Savoy

BANKHOUSE
Quality goes to show
5* - Claridges, The Savoy & The Berkeley add £50 p.p.p.n.

■ HERITAGE

Furore in Scotland over a millennium plan to demolish Perth's listed City Hall

■ BASE NOTES

The smart money is on Nicolas Cage to pick up the Best Actor Oscar for *Leaving Las Vegas*

THE TIMES
ARTS

■ BASE NOTES

... while British singer Seal looks set to sweep the Grammy Awards with *Kiss for a Rose*

■ ON MONDAY

Cry for the beloved country: Hugh Masekela laments a new cultural malaise in South Africa

Magnus Linklater on the row over plans to demolish a listed landmark in Scotland's fair city of Perth

An eyesore – or a sight for sore eyes?

The Millennium Commission has faced some tricky choices in its brief life: but one of the toughest lies ahead of it. Within the next month it will have to decide whether to support a plan that will involve the destruction of a listed building in the heart of a beautiful city, a demolition that has been condemned as "civic vandalism."

The project is all the more surprising because it emerges from one of the most cautious and conservative cities in Britain. Perth — traditionally described as "The Fair City" — has tended to keep its hands off old buildings, ever since the traumatic day in May, 1599, when John Knox launched the Scottish Reformation from the pulpit of St John's Kirk in Perth, and then proceeded to destroy most of the city's other fine churches. But now the district council has taken a boldly creative decision and announced plans to pull down its City Hall, a formidable structure built 80 years ago in Victorian neoclassical style, to make way for an open square. At the same time, if the commission backs the scheme, a new building on a nearby site would be thrown open to architectural competition.

The plan has caused a furore. A petition launched by those in opposition to the scheme has collected more than 2,000 signatures, and conservationists, who have described the proposals as "civic vandalism", will lobby a council meeting on January 24 that will take the final decision on whether to proceed.

But the more council members have explored the idea, the more they like it, and most of those who have listened to the details have become convinced that, far from being an act of wanton pillage, it could elevate a provincial city on to an international stage.

Page and Park, the Glasgow architectural consultant, has produced plans under the beguiling title of "Put a new heart in Perth", which would see the City Hall disappearing to create a large and open civic space in front of St John's Kirk — a genuinely historic building which has been hidden away ever since the hall was built.

The firm's senior architect, David Page, has produced drawings for a commercial complex next to the square, known as the "Golden Tower" plan because of the high structure with which he has surmounted it. He has also designed a new City Hall on the so-called Horse Cross site on the other side of the High Street to replace the old one.

But this is just a working model. If the Millenium Commission comes up with the funds, the idea is to open the whole project up to international competition.

Harry Robertson, the chief executive of Perth and Kinross District Council, sees it as a "once in a lifetime" opportunity "to provide an attraction of national if not international proportions, and give Perth a city centre feature which it sadly lacks at the moment". Historic Scotland, which would have to give its approval to the demolition of a listed building, has expressed cautious interest. The Earl of Perth, who lives near by, and who is an honorary Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, believes it is a chance "to propel Perth into the 21st century".

> ‘This is a chance to propel Perth into the 21st century’

But perhaps the most telling point in the plan's favour has been the detailed public consultation carried out by the council, involving group presentations to local people, and the distribution of 28,000 copies of a special supplement detailing the implications of the scheme.

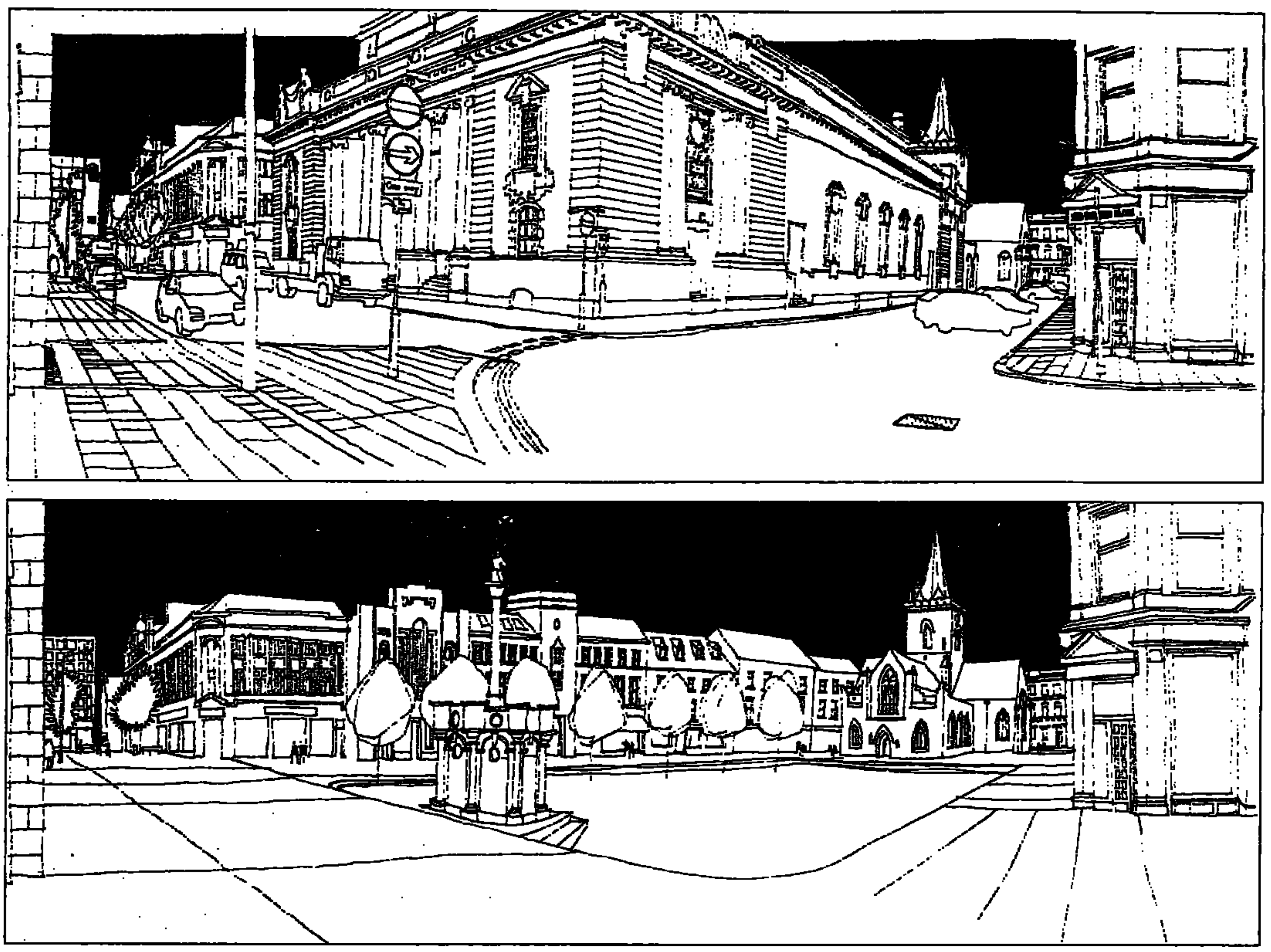
Although older residents were dismayed by the prospect of losing a building to which they had sentimental attachments, younger citizens described it variously as unsightly, boring and irrelevant. It is neither large enough for a conference hall, modern enough to cater for exhibitions, nor well enough equipped to stage arts events. Estimates of what it would cost to be refurbished vary from £1 million to £6 million. "Without being elitist," says Ken Dunn, assistant director of architectural services, "whenever intelligent people have listened to the arguments, they have been won over." The old hall, he added, "has outlived its reasonable usefulness".

That does not mean the fight is over. Dennis Gray, a prominent Perth businessman, is waging an energetic campaign to stop the plan. "We cannot afford to lose the City Hall," he says. "It has a special place in our hearts." And it will still be an uphill battle to convince Scotland's naturally cautious conservation bodies.

But the architect David Page is full of admiration for what the city wants to do. "None of these ideas would have happened if it had not been for the people themselves," he said. "What we have here is an amazing attempt to think strategically, creatively and positively, to reorganise the centre of a city along European lines.

"It is what smaller cities like Hamburg, Kassel and Nuremberg have done. It is very progressive, and very exciting."

Whether it is also viable is just one of the issues which the Millennium Commission will have to determine, when it receives Perth's detailed proposals early next month.



Now you see it, now you see something better? An artist's representation of Perth City Hall as it is now (top), and of how the city might look if the hall were razed and the area given over to a large, open civic space in front of historic St John's Kirk, hidden away ever since the hall was built

CONCERTS

Young grow bold

My memory of this year's Park Lane Group concerts by new performers playing new music will long be lit by the vision of **Naomi Graham**. She is a member of the eclectic recorder trio, the Weird Sisters, and at times she seems to incarnate all three in one.

Three recorders certainly tends to be the minimum she plays at once. If the work is by Maki Ishii, and called *Black Intention*, then there is likely to be a huge, swinging tam-tam for her to strike as well.

But gimmickry plays no part in this piece. Composed for two soprano recorders, one tenor recorder and tam-tam, the music moves from the rapid, high duetting of a peasant dance into a blown and vocalised scream. Then follows a remarkable display of multiphonics and strange reverberations as notes are carried and bent by currents of air before finally disintegrating into specks of sound.

Park Lane Group
Purcell Room

Graham shared her recital with the 28-year-old Greek guitarist **Dimitris Dimakopoulos.** He spat, skidded and drummed his way through David Bedford's 1969 *You asked for it*, before Ginastera's 1976 Sonata and Leo Brouwer's of 1990 revealed a carefully controlled palette of timbre.

The early evening recital belonged to the 24-year-old Australian pianist **Sherelle Eyles.** She is a keen champion of the contemporary music of her homeland, and she gave the first London performance of Peter Sculthorpe's *Simori*. Eyles showed that she has both the technique and the imagination to recreate three quite different native and pianistic styles. Where Sculthorpe exploited the percussive nature of the piano, Miriam Hyde's Scriabinesque *Valley of Rocks* enjoyed the instrument's luxuriant resonances, and Ross Edwards's *Etymalong* seemed to send Messiaen on an ornithological expedition deep into the outback.

HILARY FINCH

Cage is favourite for Oscar

BASE NOTES

THE unlikely front-runner for this year's Best Actor Oscar has emerged as **Nicolas Cage**, who made virtually a clean sweep of American critics' awards for his performance in *Leaving Las Vegas*. British director Mike Figgis's film (released here next Friday) won all four top awards — Best Picture, Actor, Actress (**Elisabeth Shue**) and Director — from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association and has been cited at least once by other major critics' organisations. Cage's arrival on the scene may mean that several Britons who had been assumed as automatic choices for a nomination — **Jonathan Pryce** (*Carrington*) and **Ian McKellen** (*Richard III*) — fail to win a place in the final five. Cage faces tough competition from **Morgan Freeman** (*Seven*), **John Travolta** (*Get Shorty*), **Tom Hanks** (*Apollo 13*) and **Sean Penn** (*Dead Man Walking*).

● BRIT nominees **Seal, Annie Lennox** and **P.J. Harvey** have additional reason to celebrate. Each has been recognised by the American record industry's equivalent awards, the Grammies. Seal's *Kiss for a Rose* leads the UK pack, with nominations for Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Best Male Pop Vocal Performance. Lennox and Harvey have two nominations each, while **Elton John** and **Sting** receive one each. Meanwhile **Sir Georg Solti**, the top Grammy-winner of all time with 30 statuettes, will be given a Lifetime Achievement award at next month's ceremony.

● RSC actor **Iain Glen** has been chosen to follow in the footsteps of **Gérard Depardieu** and **Richard Gere** — as star in a new version of the story of Martin Guerre. Glen will take the role of Arnaud in the new Boublil-Schonberg musical *Martin Guerre*, which opens in the West End on June 18. Glen came to public attention with his first starring role in the television series *The Fear*. Depardieu starred in the 1981 French film, *The Return of Martin Guerre*, Gere in the Hollywood remake *Sommersby*. Boublil and Schonberg already have two mega-musicals on in London: *Les Misérables* and *Miss Saigon*.

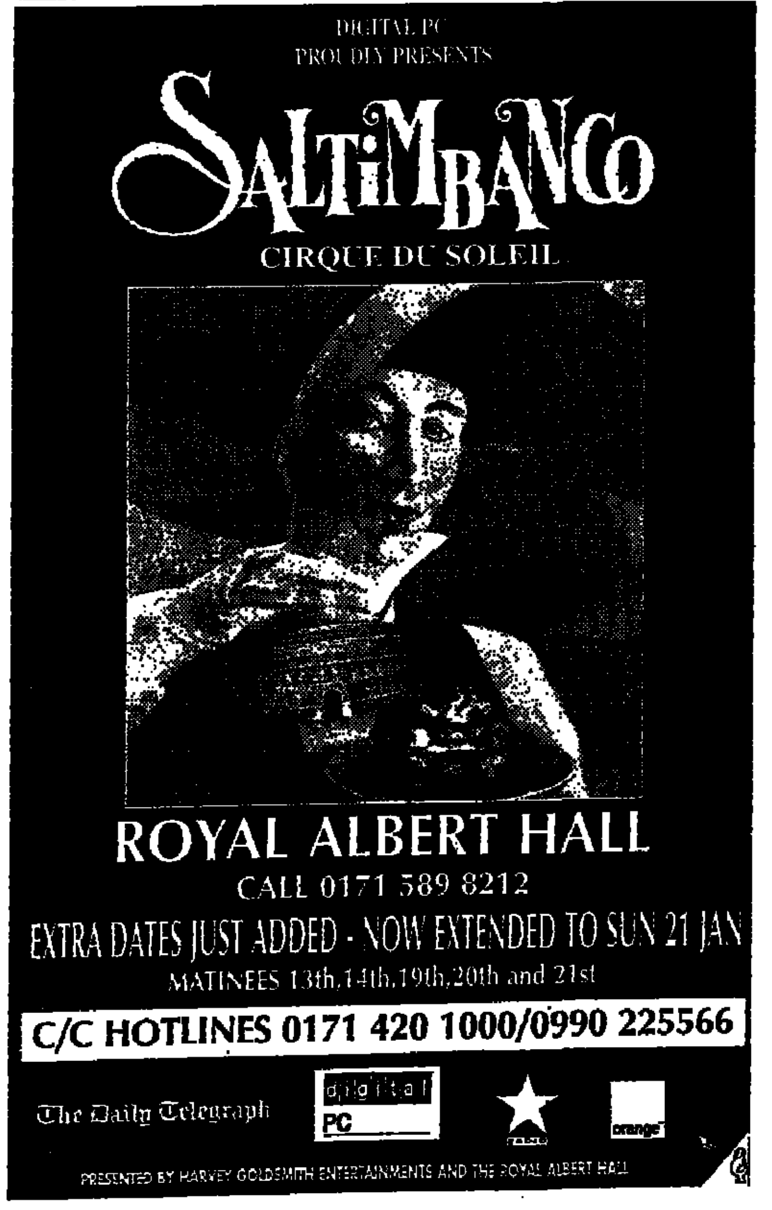
● ADD *Big* to the seemingly endless spate of stage musicals spawned by films, joining *Sunset Boulevard, Kiss of the Spider Woman* and *Victor/Victoria*, among many others. Adapted from the 1988 comedy that brought **Tom Hanks** his first Oscar nomination, the show will open on Broadway on April 25. Britain's **Mike Ockrent** (*Crazy for You*) directs, with choreography by his wife, **Susan Stroman. John Weidman** is writing the book; music is by the Oscar-winning team of **David Shire** and **Richard Maltby Jr. Daniel Jenkins** will inherit Hanks's role as the New Jersey little-league player who is transformed into a 35-year-old man.

● BRITPOP may have won all the headlines, but middle-of-the-road triumphed on last year's UK singles charts. The final tally of 1995 sales finds **Robson & Jerome** at No 1 (*Unchained Melody/White Cliffs Of Dover*) and No 3 (*I Believe/Up on the Roof*), with **Coolio**'s *Gangsta's Paradise* sandwiched between them. Artists also featuring in the cumulative Top 10 are, from 4 to 10, **Take That** (*Back For Good*), **Celine Dion** (*Think Twice*), **Michael Jackson** (*Earth Song* and, at No 8, *You Are Not Alone*), **Simply Red** (*Fairground*), **Everything But the Girl** (*Missing*) and, finally, **Oasis** (*Wonderwall*).

● THE weather has been blamed for the cancellation of the most eagerly awaited theatre event in Glasgow this spring. **Circle in the Square Theatre Company**, from New York, was due to perform Tennessee Williams's *Suddenly Last Summer* at the Tramway in February, but has pulled out because snow apparently makes it impossible to transport its set from storage in Connecticut.

ENTERTAINMENTS

EVENTS



DIGITAL PC
PROUDLY PRESENTS
SALTIMBANCO
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL
ROYAL ALBERT HALL
CALL 0171 589 8212
EXTRA DATES JUST ADDED - NOW EXTENDED TO SUN 21 JAN
MATINEES 13th,14th,19th,20th and 21st
C/C HOTLINES 0171 420 1000/0990 225566
The Daily Telegraph
digital PC
orange
PRESENTED BY HARVEY GOLDSMITH ENTERTAINMENTS AND THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

THEATRES

SHAFTESBURY 0171 379 5399
0171 344 4444 (24hr/no bkg fee)
Groups 0171 413 3321
TOMMY
PAUL KEATING As Tommy KIM WILDE As Mrs Walker
Previews 20 February Opens 5 March

ST MARTIN'S 0171 836 1443 (no bkg fee) 0171 497 9977 (bkg fee)
Groups 0171 312 1994 (no bkg fee)
Eves 8, Tues 2.45, Sat 5 & 8
44th Year of Agatha Christie's
THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND THEATRE Box Off & cc (no fee) 0171 930 8800
cc (bkg fee) 0171 344 4444/420 0000
Groups 0171 413 3321/0171 930 6123
"BUDDY"
The Buddy Holly Story
"BRILLIANT" Sun
"BUDDY"
"WONDERFUL STUFF" Sun Tel
"BUDDY"
Tues-Thurs 8.0 Fri 5.30 & 8.30
Sats 5.00 & 8.30, Suns 4.00
ALL SEATS 1/2 PRICE FRI 5.30 PERF
7th HEAVENLY YEAR

VAUDEVILLE 0171 836 9987 cc 420 0000/344 4444 (no bkg fee)
"For a sparkling, affectionate and hilarious evening in the theatre, go and see
The RSC production of
THE SHAKESPEARE REVUE"
The Times
"This hugely enjoyable show"
Daily Telegraph
Mon-Fri 8.00pm Sat 8.30pm
Mats Wed 2.30pm Sat 5.30pm

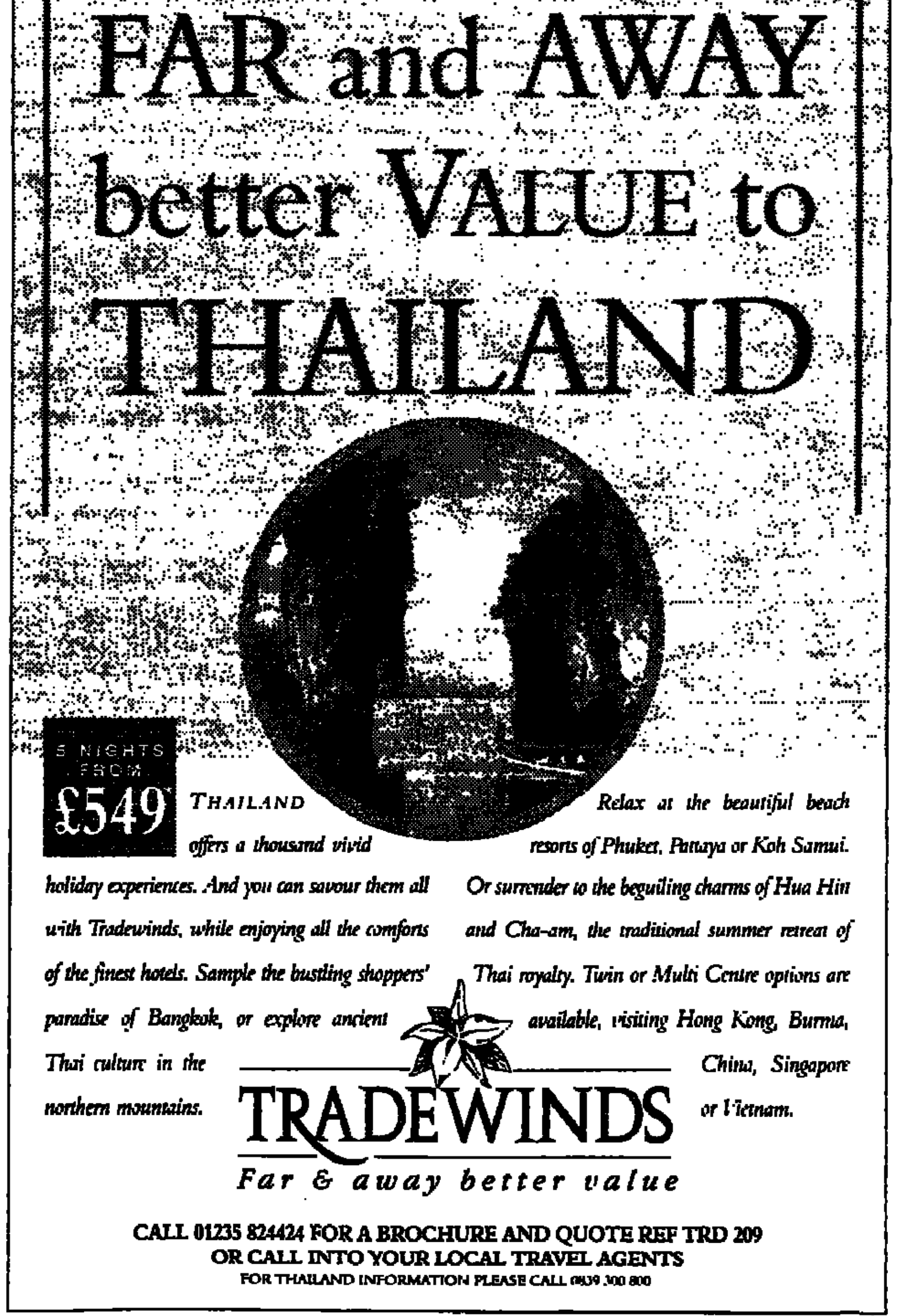
WHITEHALL 369 1735/344 4444/420 0000
"BEST NEW MUSICAL IN TOWN...BRILLIANT" MoS
ROY ORBISON STORY
GUEST-STARRING P.J. PROBY
½ PRICE FRI 5.30 PERF
Tues-Thu 8, Fri, Sat 5.30 & 8.30 Sun 4

WYNDHAM'S 369 1746/344 4444
CHEEK BY JOWL
THE DUCHESS OF MALFI
"Simply Electrifying" Independ.
Ltd season ends 27 Jan
Eves 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30

VICTORIA PALACE BO & cc (no fee) 0171 834 1317 cc (bkg fee) 0171 344 4444/312 1998/497 9977
Groups 0171 312 1997 (no fee) /0171 930 6123 (bkg fee)
BRIAN CONLEY
"Gives the performance of the decade" Mail on Sunday
in
"JOLSON"
"A resounding hit" Sun. Tel
"JOLSON"
"Worth walking a million miles to see" D.Mail
"JOLSON"
Evgs Mon-Sat 7.30.
Mats Wed & Sat 3.00
Now booking to 30 Sep 96

WYNDHAMS 0171 369 1736 (no bkg fee)
MICHAEL GAMBON LIA WILLIAMS
SKYLIGHT
by DAVID HARE
Directed by RICHARD EYRE
The sold-out production at the Royal National Theatre now transfers for 10 weeks only from 14 Feb

180,000 readers of this section visit Art Galleries and Exhibitions at least once a year.
To advertise your exhibition in The Times Art Gallery Guide on Wednesdays please call our Entertainments Team on 0171 481 1982 or fax on 0171 481 9313.



FAR and AWAY better VALUE to THAILAND
5 NIGHTS FROM £549*
THAILAND offers a thousand vivid holiday experiences. And you can savour them all with Tradewinds, while enjoying all the comforts of the finest hotels. Sample the bustling shoppers' paradise of Bangkok, or explore ancient Thai culture in the northern mountains.
Relax at the beautiful beach resorts of Phuket, Pattaya or Koh Samui. Or surrender to the beguiling charms of Hua Hin and Cha-am, the traditional summer retreat of Thai royalty. Twin or Multi Centre options are available, visiting Hong Kong, Burma, China, Singapore or Vietnam.
TRADEWINDS
Far & away better value
CALL 01235 824424 FOR A BROCHURE AND QUOTE REF TRD 209
OR CALL INTO YOUR LOCAL TRAVEL AGENTS
FOR THAILAND INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 0839 300 800
Tradewinds is a trading name of Airtours Holidays Ltd acting as agents for Airtours plc. ATOL 1179 ABTA V6896. Subject to availability. Insurance extra. Fly with Thai Airways daily from Heathrow. *£549 price based on flights with Thai Airways departing from Heathrow on 10 April '96 for 5 nights at Royal Princess Hotel, Bangkok, on a room only basis.

هكذا من الأصل

In death, Mitterrand has held up a mirror to France, says **Ben Macintyre**

The French President's women

The most enduring image from the funeral of François Mitterrand will not be an oak coffin draped in the Tricolour, nor a tearful Helmut Kohl in Notre-Dame, nor even the sight of the former President's widow, Danielle, walking slowly through the rainy streets of Jarnac at the head of the funeral cortège.

For many, Mitterrand's obsequies will be summed up by the bleak expression on the face of a 21-year-old woman, her chin resting on her mother's shoulder. Throughout Thursday's funeral ceremonies Mazarine Pingeot, Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter, stood alongside her half-brothers, fully recognised for the first time. Her mother, Anne Pingeot, Mitterrand's mistress, was there too, wearing a veil in a symbolic attempt, perhaps, to cling to the last vestiges of her anonymity.

The decision to bring his "other" family into the limelight was Mitterrand's own. A man used to absolute control, he stage-managed every aspect of his last bow, down to the moment of his death and the colour of the roses on his coffin.

France discovered Mazarine's existence in 1994 when *Paris-Match* "revealed" what the chattering classes had known for years. At the end of his life Mitterrand agreed to be photographed with his daughter and his final Christmas was spent with her and her mother in Egypt. By posthumously according his official and unofficial families equal status, the former President held up a strange mirror to French *mores*.

For years the French press has followed the unwritten rule that great men have their failings, their lovers and their hidden children, but that these are private matters, not open to discussion let alone moral evaluation — a bourgeois mentality in stark contrast to earlier history when the illegitimate progeny of great men enjoyed both recognition and power. Under Mitterrand, much of the French elite went further, coming to regard all their personal behaviour as equally private, beyond the purview of those who elected them. Corruption flourished.

In a way this complicity is as pernicious as the British media's prurient obsession with adultery. Our hypocrisy is to leer into private lives, as if the public had a monopoly on virtue. The French hypocrisy has been to pretend that monopoly belongs to its public leaders, while tittering at their indiscretions in private.

Mitterrand himself was a late and only partial convert to "transparency", his change of heart reflecting a dying man's determination to set the record straight. He promised, for example, to make his health an open book, but concealed his cancer throughout his 14 years in power. Yet by bringing Mazarine and her mother before the public eye, Mitterrand has administered a profound but perhaps salutary shock to a culture that has long preferred to turn a blind eye, dressing this up as discretion. The Anglo-Saxon taste for washing dirty linen in public is looked on with horror, and no nation knows better how to use courtesy and protocol to disguise embarrassing reality. The French press appeared momentarily stunned by Mazarine's appearance at this week's funeral. *Le Figaro* declared a "coming together" yesterday, leaving readers to decide whether that referred to Mitterrand's two families or the heads of state crowded into Notre Dame.

"Is it not like Camilla Parker Bowles turning up at Buckingham Palace?" a journalist from the daily *Libération* asked me. "Obviously she had to come to the funeral, but in the front row?"

Mitterrand's detractors will doubtless accuse the old fox of having pulled off another stunt, turning his adultery into a vote-winner, even in death. When journalists quizzed the former President on his hidden family, he feigned insouciance. "Et alors?", he asked. So what? But he knew only too well the effect of acknowledging his double family life.

Paris-Match was harshly criticised for writing about the story at all but as some pointed out, Mazarine was increasingly to be seen travelling with the President on international trips, while she and her mother lived in an apartment provided by the State. She had become visible, as he surely intended. By acknowledging his daughter, Mitterrand has established a precedent that his successor is already following.

When Jacques Chirac's son-in-law committed suicide in 1993, the news was almost completely hushed up. But when the President's unmarried daughter became pregnant last year, *Paris-Match* came up with a "scoop" that had the fingerprints of the Elysée Palace all over it. Instead of rushing to defend Claud Chirac's privacy, "Et alors?" was the official response.

Mitterrand clearly wanted to pay tribute to a daughter of whom he was deeply proud. Mazarine has made her father appear a little more human, while also helping to shake the culture of silence so long engrained in the French establishment. But at a cost.

Mme Mitterrand has said that by discussing her husband's affair their marriage was strengthened. It is unchivalrous, but not unreasonable, to doubt that. For all her dignity, walking through Jarnac with the veiled, but now unveiled woman a few paces behind her, must have been a special torture.

Mazarine is reported to be intelligent, shy and terrified of publicity. Her life in the shadows was perhaps a deceit, but a happy one. The face in the photograph shows a lonely young woman mourning her father, but also one who knows she has been plunged into permanent sharp focus, a fate she did not choose and cannot now escape.

Bereaved but recognised: Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter Mazarine Pingeot and her mother

Roger Scruton on the intellectual core of Conservatism

Why Tories need their philosophy

The media, intent on discovering rifts within the Conservative Party, has found little in Baroness Thatcher's speech to the Centre for Policy Studies besides a rebuff for the Tory Left, and a contribution to the myth (itself a media creation) of "Thatcherism", as a distinctive political philosophy. In fact, Lady Thatcher was uttering what would be recognised as the traditional philosophy of Conservatism by anyone who had bothered to read the Tory classics. She was also drawing the only possible battle-lines for the next election — the only battle-lines that would lead to a Tory victory.

The problem for those on the Left of the Conservative Party is not that they have lost touch with their principles. Most of them are graduates of the old pragmatist school, which regards principles as dangerous in any case. You can sometimes pretend to have them, but they should never be allowed to distract you from the main task of politics, which is to manage the economy, keep the peace, and ward off the country's enemies. There is much to be said for this approach. The problem is that it makes sense only if the electorate, too, is in a pragmatic frame of mind.

The British people are hoping for a vision: whether reasonably or not, they expect politicians to provide them with a clear picture of where they are going and of why they are going there. The managerial approach to politics therefore makes no contact with their anxieties.

Mr Blair's great achievement is to have presented the Labour Party as indistinguishable from the Tories in those matters which have determined the outcome of recent elections. He has accepted the argument for privatisation and a market economy: he has accepted the trade union reforms which made Lady Thatcher so popular; he has accepted the elitist philosophy of education which places quality before equality and individual success before collective failure. Gone are the socialist rhetoric, the egalitarian resentments and the blasphemy against ancestral gods. Attitudes to defence, law and order, the family and even the Welfare State have all been revised in a Tory direction, and the whole wrapped in the kind of sentimental "One Nation" rhetoric which draws a veil over the future and induces the feeling that it does not matter where we are going, so long as we all arrive there together.

In these circumstances, the Tory Left has nothing much to offer by way of an election strategy. For it is speaking the same language, and in the same tone of voice, as Tony Blair. Should the Labour Party come to power, Mr Blair's mild and mildewed decencies would be forgotten overnight. But so long as the socialists, trade unionists and class warriors keep quiet, Mr Blair is all that the media know of Labour, and all that they wish to know. And how can the Tory party enter the lists if it agrees in all relevant respects with its only known opponent?

In these circumstances, the Conservative Party must rediscover its philosophy. For it is a philosophy with enduring electoral appeal, and one which Tony Blair could not endorse without open war within his party. Conservatives believe that the functions of society should not be controlled by the State, but should be left to individual initiative. The privatised economy is only one small part of the privatised society — one in which schools, clubs, hospitals, and leisure activities are all independent of the State. At the same time, Conservatives are not "individualists" who see society as nothing more than a mass of self-centred atoms. They believe that the individual is nothing outside society and that the evil of socialism is precisely that it robs us of society, and puts the bureaucratic State in place of it.

Conservatives are traditionalists. They see the nation, not as a contract among some arbitrary group of living people, but as a partnership, in Burke's words, between the living, the unborn and the dead. A nation is an historical community, bound together by kinship and self-imposed law. Only in the context of national sovereignty and a legal system immune from outside interference can politics be legitimately conducted. Outside that context, politics is reduced to manipulation, and the respect for law inevitably dwindles.

These ideas seem obvious to me. And they are obvious, too, to Lady Thatcher. But what does the Labour Party make of them? Where, for example, does the Labour Party stand on the question of national sovereignty? Is it prepared to endorse the belief that the choice lies between a "fast track" and a "slow track" to a condition which no one has troubled to describe, but in which our nation will no longer exist as an autonomous community?

Do the people of this country really wish to be locked in to a situation comparable to that of the Bosnians in the old Yugoslavia, or the Chechens in Russia today? Do they want to be part of a great protectionist empire, able to cast aside our national loyalties and boundaries and impose on us a new population of immigrants, catered for by a multinational socialist bureaucracy? These questions, which are in the forefront of Lady Thatcher's thinking, define the real divisions between Conservatism, as it was and should be, and the Labour Party of Mr Blair.

Roger Scruton is the author of The Meaning of Conservatism.

Lady Thatcher is peddling ideological myths about her own record in office

Major on the rack

Simon Jenkins

I have the words in my notebook: "He is gold, pure gold." The words were Margaret Thatcher's of John Major during the leadership battle in December 1990. Mr Major was the only candidate who would take forward her crusade. He was her anointed, carrier of her mantle.

The lady is clearly for turning. If loyalty was the Tory party's secret virtue, disloyalty has become its public vice. Edward Heath and Harold Macmillan tossed an occasional grenade in Lady Thatcher's path. But neither crafted such savagery as Wednesday night's speech. This was the torture scene from *Tosca*. Scarpia Thatcher dwelt lovingly on the instruments of Mr Major's pain: Thumbscrew Howard, Portillo the Rack, Fingernails Lilley and Redwood of the rubber truncheons. We could hear screaming offstage.

The purpose was brutally clear. Lady Thatcher believes that the Tories are going to lose the next election. She must secure the leadership for one of her own. Mr Major's one-time "bastards" are to be blessed with the Thatcher coupon against whoever might run on the One Nation ticket next.

A Thatcher speech is always an event. She talks direct and with a minimum of clichés. Her speechwriters' quotes from Hayek, Milton and Montaigne just about pass muster. Her mischief-making is never dull. Yet a speech also has content. And the content of this one was grotesquely unfair to John Major and a travesty of Thatcherism in government. Lady Thatcher has become the Arthur Scargill of the Right, peddling myths of the party's ideological history. I detected seven in Wednesday's speech.

First myth: that Keith Joseph was a Thatcherite, whatever that may mean. Politicians are judged by what they do when they enter the portals of power, not by what they say in a seminar armchair. Joseph may have worried at the size of government when floating in a Tory think-tank. In power he was a pillar of corporatism. As Housing Minister he was ardent for more high-rise estates. Under Lady Thatcher he lavishly subsidised British Steel and British Leyland with no move towards privatisation. The nearest he came to radicalism was at education, where he hoped to experiment with vouchers and student loans. Who stopped him? Margaret Thatcher, as she stopped John Moore introducing health vouchers.

Second myth: that One Nation Toryism was left-wing. It was not. It was conjured from the ghost of Disraeli by Tories of Left and Right, including Enoch Powell and Angus Maude. Their desire was to present the Tory party as a national movement, not a party of the middle class. Joseph himself redefined One Nation as "the common ground, the shared instincts and traditions of the British people". I cannot think of a leader who better personified this than Margaret Thatcher. The reason she now derides One Nation appears to be that John Major espoused it in a recent speech.

Third myth: that One Nation had something to do with Europe. In a classic use of guilt by association, Lady Thatcher implied that because many on the party Left are in favour of European federalism (only a handful are), One Nation Toryism would "better be described as No Nation Conservatism". If One Nation could be accused of anything, it was of a narrow chauvinism.

Fourth myth: that on Europe Mr Major has done something that Lady Thatcher would not have done. This is absurd. It was Lady Thatcher who led Britain into the European exchange-rate morass, and Mr Major who led Britain out of it. In her memoirs she indicates that she only joined after being bullied by those tyrannical thugs Lord Howe and Lord Lawson. Poor diddums. Who was in charge? Who signed the Single European Act and accepted qualified majority voting? Mr Major has fought against the federalist line at every European summit. Like Lady Thatcher, he carried each fight to the point where the only option was treaty renunciation. She never went that far either.

Fifth myth: that Mr Major has not been ideologically true to the Thatcherite programme. I suppose if you say black is white often enough, even grown-ups start believing you. Let us recall four so-called Thatcherite reforms pressed by the Major administration: the privatisation of British Rail, British Coal and the Post Office, and school vouchers. Lady Thatcher in office blocked them all. The record (including her memoirs) shows that she was never an ardent privatiser, at least until the late 1980s. Mr Major has gone where she feared to tread. Over coal and the Post Office, he stumbled from being over-zealous. If anything he has suffered from lacking the pragmatism of his former boss.

Sixth myth: that Lady Thatcher in office was a disciplinarian over public expenditure, while Mr Major is not. This is untrue. For the first five years of her Government the only reasonable restraint was shown by (mostly Labour) local authorities. Lady Thatcher's head wailed against her heart, but her heart won. She spent recklessly, on defence, the police, health, farmers, housing benefit, mortgage subsidies through tax relief.

On Wednesday she claimed that by the end of the Eighties she had cut public spending's share of the domestic product and public borrowing. She forgot that this was a cyclical outcome of what she admitted elsewhere were her "mistakes of financial management by allowing the economy to overheat". When the recession duly occurred in 1990-92, spending and borrowing soared. Structural reform of the Welfare State had not been carried out and Mr Major was left to wallow in the mess. He may have been as timid of cuts as was she, but to imply that he is backsliding from the faith is outrageous.

Seventh myth: that the "basic principles of Conservatism which prevailed in the 1980s" were those of limited government and deregulation. With the exception of some former state industries, the Eighties were years of steady aggrandisement by Downing Street and the Treasury over the rest of the public sector. Lady Thatcher believed in this. "Never let anyone say I am laisser faire," she said. "Over the years the State has done so much harm that the opportunity to do remedial work is not to be missed." She believed in strong government. She extended Treasury control over local government and nationalised services. Audit and performance monitoring became more detailed. In the health and education services, bureaucracy was rampant.

No profession or organisation in the public sector (which is the same size as in 1979) can say that it is less regulated than was the case when Margaret Thatcher came to power. The three Cabinet ministers singled out for special praise on Wednesday — Messrs Portillo, Lilley and Howard — run the three departments regularly at the top of the Treasury's high spending blacklist. Lady Thatcher may have made British government leaner and possibly more efficient, but she did not limit its constitutional arrogance, the arrogance against which the (armchair) Keith Joseph warned. Her Reformation was Franciscan rather than Lutheran.

We know that government is the hardest of all human endeavours. Its delicate compromises are daily torn apart by circumstance. British government is extraordinarily centralised. The punishing burden on a prime minister demands a thick skin and a loyal party. Lady Thatcher should know this. Of all people she should be sensitive to Mr Major's tribulations, of a tired team, a small majority and an electorate yearning for new blood. She is not. By tormenting her successor in his hour of trouble she demeans her undoubted greatness.

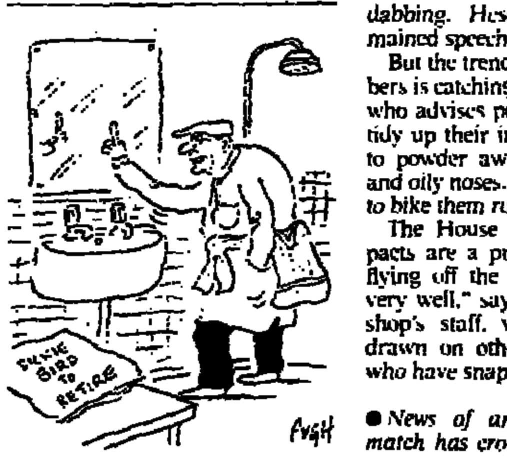
Cosmetic Ken

KENNETH CLARKE has been fretting about his looks. The Chancellor, whose regard for his physical appearance has never seemed uppermost in his mind, has a secret beauty tip. And other MPs are following his example.

My colleague Matthew Parris was the first to catch wind of Clarke's vanity. He reports that the truth was uncovered when Clarke and Michael Heseltine were in the green room of a TV studio in the Midlands together, waiting to go on air. "Clarke got out a ladies-style make-up compact with a House of Commons insignia, opened up the mirror and began powdering his nose, face and shiny forehead," reports Parris. "Heseltine stared at him in absolute horror. 'Oh,' drawled Clarke, 'I suppose this is the kind of thing everyone would expect you to do. Well, it's me and this is mine.' With that, he went on dabbing. Heseltine, I hear, remained speechless."

But the trend among male members is catching on. Mary Spillane, who advises politicians on how to tidy up their images, teaches how to powder away glistening pates and oily noses. "I've even had calls to bike them round immediately."

The House of Commons compacts are a pricey £18.25 but are flying off the shelves. "They sell very well," says a member of the shop's staff, who refuses to be drawn on other male politicians who have snapped them up.



THE TIMES DIARY

● *News of an aristocratic love match has crossed my desk. Lady Christopher Thynne's pug, Pandolphin, has fallen for Sir George and Lady Christie's famous opera-loving black pug Myrtle. The happy couple are said to be engaged after meeting at a pugs' tea-party at Glyndebourne. The patter of tiny paws is to be expected.*

On the spot

KEEP a weather eye on that flailing old tabloid the *Sunday Express* this weekend which is already in a legal tussle with *The Sunday Times* over the slogan "*The Sunday Express* is the Sunday papers". With the arrival of its new *Editor*, Sue Douglas, whose shoulder pads wouldn't be out of place in an American football game, the paper relaunched itself last week with a "World Exclusive" about the maltreatment of Chinese orphans.

Not only was there no exclusivity about the story — other Sundays also carried it — but so determined was the *Sunday Express* to impress its readers that it said the report had come from one Alfred Lee in Hong Kong. Mr Lee got no further east than Catford.

Portside drift

AS BARONESS Thatcher was brandishing her knife on Thursday evening at the Keith Joseph Memorial Lecture, John Major was in jocular form at Downing Street where he hosted a party for his private secretary, Roderic Lyne, who is leaving to join British Gas.

Major stood on his soapbox and then pointed to a desk in the corner which had belonged to William Pitt the Younger, who became Prime Minister at the age of 24. "He used to drink a bottle of port after breakfast, another after lunch, and a third after dinner," he ribbed. "But he was PM for 20 years. After only five years, I know how he felt."

Charlotte Barker: sell out

Love match?

NOW THAT Dickie Bird has decided to retire from Test cricket, is he ready for a romantic fixture? Dickie, a bachelor, has always maintained that umpiring all over the world has made marriage impossible. But after admitting in a TV interview that he was often lonely, he received three proposals of marriage and dozens of invitations to dates. The junior newspapers said that he "bowls the maidens over" and "all the birds love Dickie".

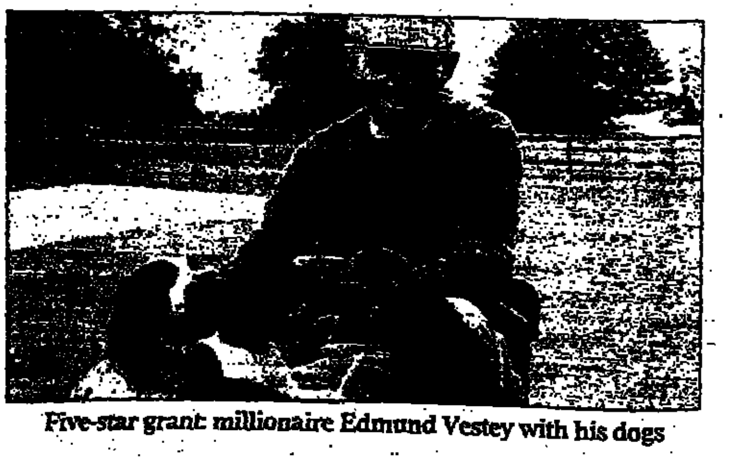
Begging letter

RONNIE Barker had to plead for a ticket to see his daughter, Charlotte, perform in a play. *The Borrowers*, in which she stars, has been sold out since it opened at the Old Rep in Birmingham in December. In desperation, he wrote to the Birmingham Stage Company which has put on the show. "We had five seats on hold that hadn't been paid for," says the manager. "So we managed to give him those. He really enjoyed the show."

Investment

KILTS are flapping in the Highlands over a £50,000 grant being handed to one of the richest families in the land to upgrade the petrol pumps on their country estate at the fishing village of Lochinver in northwest Sutherland. The Vestey family owns the estate and the grant has been described as "astonishing" by Labour's Transport spokesman, Brian Wilson.

Edmund Vestey, 63, a cousin of Lord "Spam" Vestey, runs the 60,000-acre estate where the pumps have to be upgraded to meet EU environmental standards. Caithness and Sutherland Enterprise said the petrol station would close down if it didn't hand over the money.



Five-star grant: millionaire Edmund Vestey with his dogs

P·H·S

A GREEDY BIRD

EMU is devouring jobs, growth and harmony in Europe

John Major is isolated in Europe in one area where isolation is unquestionably a badge of honour. He is the only political leader of a major Western European country able, with any semblance of honesty, to predict that people's disposable incomes will rise this year and that unemployment will continue on its downward path.

Across continental Western Europe, countries are being dragged into a deflationary, job-destroying spiral — and the public knows it. A survey out this week from the European Commission shows that 40 per cent of people expect their economies to deteriorate this year, with the figure rising to 60 per cent in France. Even more, 44 per cent, expect unemployment, which averages 10.6 per cent today, to rise further.

This is a recession they accurately relate to the relentless pursuit by their leaders of the Maastricht targets for European monetary union — targets which not even Germany, whose Finance Minister, Theo Waigel, thunders that they must be made still more watertight than they already are, managed to meet last year. The depth and duration of this recession will depend on when politicians face up publicly to the reality that to press purblindly onward with EMU in 1999 will prove damaging not only to the health of their parties, but to the bonds of trust that cement democracy.

All recessions create political pain: but it is far worse when the cause is the existence of a date, arbitrarily fixed four years ago, which by definition takes no account of national circumstances. No doubt France has solid domestic reasons to cut its budget deficit and curb its welfare bill; but the obsessive pursuit of EMU is hindering, not helping, these reforms. Low growth — and it could be less than 1.5 per cent this year — will force the deficit back up. If the French government then tightens fiscal policy further to meet the Maastricht 3 per cent deficit ceiling by 1997, growth will shrink further: and so on down.

Germany is in the doldrums too, with the economy actually shrinking. Lower than expected growth last year was a key reason for its own embarrassing budget deficit of 3.6 per cent for 1995, and few independent economists agree with the Bundesbank's optimistic prediction of a return this year to 2 per cent growth. At almost four million, German unemployment is now at its worst since December 1945, and the pain will not be confined to Germany: as the continent's most powerful economy, it exports its bad news across the whole of Europe.

Helmut Kohl still sees no red lights, and has succeeded for now in fitting the blinkers back over Jacques Chirac's nervously twitching pupils. But around them, tempers are fraying and eyes are straying towards the emergency exits. In France, the Centre-Right is quietly starting to steal M Chirac's discarded clothes to argue for, well, a little more *suppleness* in the timing of EMU.

In Germany, Herr Waigel is busy inventing escape routes of a different kind. In November, he insisted that after EMU, members who ran up excessive deficits should be heavily fined. This amounts to kicking a country when it is down — a scheme calculated to fire bitter resentment against a "German Europe". Now he has gone one better: miscreants, he says, should be kicked out of the club. Since Maastricht contains no such provision, this is legally tricky: Herr Waigel airily cites the "accepted principles of international law" but does not say who would have the power to invoke them. What is more, it is political heresy against his master: if there is one thing on which Herr Kohl insists above all others, it is that EMU, as a stepping stone to political integration, will be absolutely irreversible.

If EMU is an agreement between sovereign states, this cannot be true: all treaties can be revoked. The point Herr Kohl is making, of course, is that EMU will create federation. This is not just personal conviction, but political calculation. He knows that two out of three Germans want to hold on to the mark, so he can sell EMU only as an essential part of his grand political design for united Europe. In reality, the pursuit of EMU is disuniting Europe. Herr Kohl is probably the only continental politician whose position would actually be strengthened if he were to admit the political necessity of postponing Europe's date with an uncertain monetary destiny. Unhappily for Europe, he shows no sign of seeing sense.

UP AND AWAY

With *The Times* to the great world balloon race

Like Webster's dictionary, romantics of the world are Morocco-bound. And that pun from the cheerful old Road film is apt, because the race to be first to fly around the world by balloon has much of the romance and adventure of that early Technicolor, singing-and-dancing cinema. When they get round to making the film, the director will have at his disposal ready-made titles as evocative as *Around the World in Twenty Days* or *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Balloons*.

Even in the subtext, life is imitating Jules Verne and Haggard Riding the ripping yarns. After weeks of waiting, the winds have at last changed, so that a Dutch team aims to launch its attempt from Nijmegen on Monday, a little before Richard Branson and his crew are hoping to lift off from Marrakesh. On Wednesday the American challenger flew into trouble over the Atlantic, and escaped an icy death by the skin of his capsule. The Moroccan Army in scarlet and tarbooshes will provide exotic colour next week. The extras will include readers of British newspapers who have won competitions to launch this last great aviation challenge. And, of course, the gentleman from *The Times* will be in a following jet with orders to keep up as best as he can.

The Times was born in 1785 at the very beginning of the balloon age, in that year when hot-air balloons were taking off all over Europe. During the siege of Paris in 1870 we were microscopically reduced and flown into Paris by balloon: news and classified advertisements (in the circumstances, mostly deaths) were flown back out to us at Printing House Square.

The Montgolfier brothers launched man's imagination into the sky with their hot-air balloon and its crew of a rooster, a duck and a sheep. This airy symbolism inspired the Count of Provence to extemporise in windy French rhymes: "The English, that arrogant nation, claim the empire of the *mer*. But we French, a buoyant nation, are claiming mastery of the air."

But within a century lighter-than-air balloons were superseded by the power and flexibility of heavier-than-air craft, and by the disasters that engulfed airships such as the *R101* and the *Hindenburg*. It is a delightful paradox of aviation history that in this age of space travel and vapour trails that stitch up the skies faster than sound balloons are making their comeback.

For recreation they float silently for looking down on the troubles of the world from a bird's-eye view. Safer gases and stronger technology are making balloons a cheap method of carrying heavy cargo. These modern balloons, with their helium compartments and pressurised capsules, are to the Montgolfiers' globe of canvas and paper as Hyperion to a sparrow. They fly at 240 mph, seven miles up, riding the jet streams of the Earth. Any day now, the racing balloonists will fly over 90 countries, some of them war-zones as inimical to overflying as the Sun was to Icarus. But in spite of their astonishing modern technology the balloonists are still fulfilling man's old dream, to win, to get there first, to circumnavigate the globe, to fly.

HOW IS THAT?

'Dickie' Bird is set to draw stumps

Umpire Harold Bird — "Dickie" to friends, players and aficionados in every cranny of the cricketing commonwealth — has announced that he will retire after his next Test match. Fittingly, the game will be played at Lord's, between England and India, two sides which still interpret cricket in a friendly-spirited language. The 22 players on that occasion, and the spectators at the ground, will doubtless pay him generous tribute. And Lord's itself may think up some affectionate honour: the "Dickie" Bird Tavern, perhaps? For this umpire, as much as the best practitioners of cricket's other arts, has made himself a very part of the game.

Mr Bird has been the umpire *par excellence* of the modern, televisual era. The camera has, over 23 years and 65 Test matches, captured both his skill and his sense of humour. Just as his chuckles between overs are beamed into the nation's living rooms, so too is the slow-motion detail of his finely honed decisions.

Scarcely anyone groans or yowls or screams abuse when Mr Bird raises his right index finger: and players, too, in this acrimonious age of cricketers, seem always to take his judgments with docility. His fellow-umpires, whether English or foreign, hold him in the highest regard: in an interview with *The Times* last year, S. Venkataraghavan, Mr Bird's heir-apparent as the world's best umpire, declared that "wearing the white coat together with Dickie is a source of great comfort".

Yet if Mr Bird's celebrity is due in part to television, his impending departure may have been caused by television as well. Unkind, carping articles have appeared in the press from time to time — especially in the last year — drawing attention to a few of those decisions which umpires-in-the-stands are apt to call "iffy".

Camera technology is now utterly remorseless. Commentators today speak with the frankness and irreverence that go with our age: decisions that were once described as "touch and go" are now denounced, nakedly, as "wrong". The margin of error that umpires have enjoyed — and should continue to do so — has all but vanished. Mr Bird is still an astonishingly good umpire, but television has shown that he too has his moments of fallibility: the criticism has rankled.

His departure will rob the game of a great showman, and a little of its rectitude. But it may free Mr Bird for some less taxing pursuits. For 30 years or more he has turned his back on marriage — being, as he puts it, "married to cricket". Perhaps there will be time, at last, for a Mrs Bird. How's that?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

Media distortion of serious debate

From Sir John Nott

Sir, It is damaging to serious debate about the future of this country when former politicians, particularly former leaders of the Conservative Party, are inhibited from making public contributions to policy by the media frenzy that always accompanies anything they say.

I attended Lady Thatcher's speech last night mainly in respect for Keith Joseph's memory, not as a member of the Thatcher "diaspora" (Matthew Parris's phrase). It was an interesting speech, delivered in a sober tone and was constructive throughout.

As a former member of the "One Nation" Dining Club whose members, incidentally, included Edward Heath and Enoch Powell, I was amused by the phrase "No Nation" Tories. To make a whole political drama out of it is an indication of current media hysteria.

Your leader was a relatively sensible commentary on her speech but your own journalists, including Peter Riddell ("Major left in no doubt about his 'wrong direction'"), as well as every other serious newspaper, and including the BBC, selectively quoted from it, apparently with the intention of damaging the Government and personal relationships between present and former politicians. All of this was spiced, of course, with further selected "rent-a-quotes" from the usual Tory backbenchers.

I was glad to see that you also published lengthy textual extracts from the speech, but I wish that the media would do more in its reporting to encourage intelligent debate about the great issues facing the country.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN NOTT,
32 Hampstead High Street, NW3.
January 12.

Stakeholder economy

From Mr Nicholas Bennett

Sir, If Tony Blair wishes to steal Conservative clothing ("Blair's big phrase", leading article, January 10) he must take the foundation garments and not just the jacket of an idea. From what one can discern of his concept of a "stakeholding society" it would appear that he is firmly wedded to old Labour's corporatist ideals. He has not grasped the fact that real public ownership is private ownership. It is choice and private ownership of wealth by individuals and their families which underpins a responsible, free society.

The purchase of shares in the former nationalised industries has given the public a stake and an influence in those companies which they never enjoyed when they were state-owned. It is the private ownership of housing which gives families a stake in the area in which they live. It is "communally-owned" housing which is abused and vandalised.

New Labour may claim that it believes in lower taxes but, like old Labour, its constant refrain is that the public services are "underfunded"; presumably it intends to spend more. Only the Conservatives believe in lower taxes and less state interference because it enables as many as possible to look after themselves and their families. Every increase in taxes not only erodes that incentive but pushes a few more families from self-reliance to state dependence.

New Labour, which like all goods with such labels is merely a change in packaging, does not believe in real choice. Mr Blair may send his son eight miles across London to the grant-maintained school of his choice yet Labour (and Liberal Democrat) councils across the country fight tooth and nail any application by a school which wishes to opt out of their control.

The reality is that new Labour, with its desire for another tier of government in Wales and Scotland, its wish to embrace the regulations of the Social Chapter and its enthusiasm for a European single currency, is the same old Labour which the voters have rejected four times since 1979.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS BENNETT
(Prospective Conservative
Parliamentary candidate for
Reading West),
7 Haredon Close, SE23.
January 10.

From Mr Matthew J. Rock

Sir, The word "stakeholder" has long been commonplace in business. Companies refer to stakeholders being their employees, shareholders, customers, suppliers and the wider community.

This has brought with it many problems: how do you satisfy your customers' desire for outstanding customer service when you are also satisfying your shareholders' demands for increased dividend payments? Redundancy programmes and customer service do not make comfortable bedmates.

And how do you balance a supplier's willingness to boost his order book with the environmentalist's pressure to cut down on the use of natural resources?

The use of the word "stakeholder" is a licence for conflicts of interest.

Yours faithfully,
MATTHEW J. ROCK,
68 Dalgarno Gardens, W10.
January 11.

End to torment of wondering what awaits us in Hell?

From Mr Robert Saxena

Sir, The Anglican Church is to be commended for at last coming out against the cruel hoax called "Hell", in which sinners are tortured forever by toasting and roasting in literal fire (report, January 11).

This doctrine has no basis whatever in the Judaeo-Christian Scriptures but was incorporated into the Catholic religion from pagan sources, like so many other dogmas. Unfortunately the Reformation failed to get rid of it, and so it has persisted in the Protestant churches till now.

In the King James version the word Hell was rendered from the Hebrew *sheol*, which doesn't mean a place of eternal torment but the grave, or condition of death, pending a resurrection in "the last day". (See Martha's comment to Jesus at John xi, 24.)

The word "fire" is frequently used in the Bible as a symbol of total extinction (not torture), for fire destroys all living things. So when sinners are damned to "eternal fire" it only means they are condemned to eternal destruction, or brought to nothingness, as the Church's report rightly indicates.

God did not make Heaven and Hell. Genesis (i, 1) clearly says, "In the beginning God made Heaven and Earth". Hell, or the grave, or death, came only after man's original sin.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. SAXENA,
Bible Research Fellowship,
25 Edgell Street,
Kettering, Northamptonshire.

From Mr C. A. Hollands

Sir, God of course loves us all and would never consign any individual to torment. If, however, a person consistently rebels against God then the best God can do for him is simply to leave him alone.

The Church of England is therefore doing its members a disservice by tranquillising the issue. A respectable fear of Hell should be part of any Christian religion and is intrinsically healthy. It is a corrective against slackening one's faith to the point where it becomes too cosy and finally fades away into mere benign feelings for the world around us.

Yours sincerely,
C. A. HOLLANDS,
Bramcote,
14 Charlesford Avenue,
Kingswood,
Maidstone, Kent.
January 12.

From Mr Tim J. Smith

Sir, Tom Rees, a popular and successful evangelist in the South East in the Fifties and Sixties, used to say that "if Heaven is only made of streets of gold, I don't want to go there".

I have never taken that remark to mean that Heaven isn't a reality, but rather that language is a bit useless in trying to describe how brilliant it is to be in the presence of God, or how hellish to be outside.

Artists of the past tried to represent this imagery on canvas and the Church has been vilified ever since for believing such cruel nonsense. But what words *are* sufficient to describe being with, or without, God? Even the thought of the latter is scary!

Sadly, we don't like to see or hear images of reality. But if God is the ultimate in justice as well as mercy, we must learn to live with the searing images of both.

Yours faithfully,
T. J. SMITH,
5 Raymond Avenue,
South Woodford, E18.
January 12.

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, Sartre's definition of Hell — "other people" — fits in well with his vacuous philosophy of existentialism, in that it has no meaning. A better Frenchman, Georges Bernanos, defined it more aptly: "Hell . . . is not to love any more".

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD KAUKAS,
Savage Club,
1 Whitehall Place, SW1.
January 11.

From Mrs Joan Woolard

Sir, Two thousand years ago the Jewish sage, Philo, wrote: "The real hell is the life of the wicked" (*De Congressu*, xi, 57).

Yours faithfully,
JOAN WOOLARD,
35 Eastgate,
Fleet Hargate, Lincolnshire.
January 12.

Terence Cuneo: recollections of the man and the mouse

From Mr Stanley J. Blenkinsop

Sir, The late Terence Cuneo would have smiled ruefully at the letters (January 8) about his mouse "trademark".

He once told me: "That damn' mouse is the first thing people look for when they see my paintings — all too often they take no notice of the rest! I sometimes wish I could drop it." But it had become so identified with his work that he felt he could not — or people like your reader, Mr Haddow, would spend ages vainly looking for it.

Incidentally, it was in 1953, while doing a military picture at Catterick Camp, that Cuneo first adopted a mouse. In the garrison church there he was fascinated by the tiny mice cut into each of the pews.

Thus inspired, Cuneo incorporated a mouse into his Catterick painting and was so delighted by the initial reaction that he decided to do so with every picture in one guise or another.

Yours sincerely,
STANLEY J. BLENKINSOP,
22 Roan Court,
Macclesfield, Cheshire.
January 8.

From Mr David Thirlby

Sir, Terry Cuneo began to be apprehensive about the power of mice. Some 15 years ago in his studio were two pictures on easels shortly to go to Jordan. One was of the King himself in full military uniform, the other was a large canvas of the Arab Legion storming a desert fort.

I was on my hands and knees, looking for the mouse, when Terry stiffened. I realised why, and said: "Has the mouse become bigger than the artist?"

Terry acknowledged to me that he sometimes only painted in the mouse when the client requested it on collection, and told me that he knew that Conan Doyle grew to be antipathetic to Sherlock Holmes.

Faithfully,
DAVID THIRLBY,
24 Eaglesfield, Hartford,
Northwich, Cheshire.

From Mr A. P. Willmer

Sir, Terence Cuneo was a friend of my father, and I remember him visiting us in Cambridge in the early 1960s, my father being a talented amateur artist. He would arrive in a burst of energy and good humour, with lots of time for us children. His paintings of steam engines and railways, which he would bring to show us, were wondrous. So was the 1930s Rolls-Royce which he drove with great panache.

The last time I saw him was I think in 1963, leaving in a burst of smoke and squealing tyres in the same Rolls-Royce, with large canvasses strapped to the roof, no real thought attached to their safety (or potential value).

Yours faithfully,
A. P. WILLMER,
18 High Street, Buckden,
Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.
January 9.

From Mr G. A. G. Shepheard

Sir, Terence Cuneo's hallmark was not always readily appreciated. In 1965 the then chairman of Lloyd's of London was appalled, at a preview of a work commissioned by the society, to see several mice in the painting.

He reprimanded Cuneo, saying that he was not being paid a large fee "to show Lloyd's as a rodent-infested establishment". The artist was eventually permitted to leave in one.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY SHEPHEARD,
62 Park Road, Woking, Surrey.
January 8.

Mergers and takeovers

From Mr David Gordon

Sir, William Rees-Mogg (article, January 11) supports Forte in its resistance to the hostile bid from Granada, and attacks conglomerates.

In admitting a prejudice for Forte — he was once chairman of its publishing subsidiary — he seems unaware of the contradiction in his argument that the admission throws up: for a hotels group to own a book publisher is a pretty conglomeratish thing to do — and yet did not prevent Forte from being, in Rees-Mogg's words, "a very well run company".

Now let me admit my prejudice for Gerry Robinson. He was on the board of ITN while I was chief executive and became its chairman at the time of my resignation. I have rarely come across a businessman as straightforward, clear-thinking and effective.

As to this pro- and anti-conglomerate argument, the fact is that all large companies are an agglomeration of quite separate operating units, and at Granada they are clustered around leisure. Rees-Mogg gave examples of acquisitive conglomerates that met a sticky end, but what about GE in the US, one of the best companies in the world, and unashamedly diversified?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GORDON
(Chief Executive, ITN, 1993-95),
212 Piccadilly, W1.
January 11.

From Mr M. E. B. Walters

Sir, "The City has repeatedly found easy money in corporate finance", writes William Rees-Mogg. I concur.

As a stockbroker I have now dealt in both the original and the reincarnation of House of Fraser, Albright & Wilson, Exco, Wiggins Teape (now Arjo Wiggins), Ruberoid and Chubb. All these companies were originally acquired by conglomerates and subsequently unbundled, with no doubt "all the fun of the fair" fees.

Watch for Dunlop returning to the market following a recent demerger. And any betting that your readers will once again stay at a Trusthouse-owned Trust House hotel?

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN WALTERS,
Little Wardrobes, Wardrobes Lane,
Loosley Row, Princes Risborough,
Buckinghamshire.
January 11.

Fashion dilemma

From Ms Sarah Mulholland

Sir, The problem which faced the shopper next to me yesterday was whether her mobile telephone would fit in the evening bag being considered for purchase.

I am still debating whether this is a sign of progress, but have no doubt the fashion industry will soon make it an (expensive) success symbol.

Sincerely,
SARAH MULHOLLAND,
39 Private Road, Nottingham.
January 6.

Changes in the City

From Mrs M. R. Harkness

Sir, Can someone please explain to me why old women, whether from Throgmorton Street or elsewhere (letter, January 6), are invariably men (of any age) and never elderly ladies?

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET HARKNESS,
7 Cloisters Road,
Letchworth Garden City,
Hertfordshire.

Britain and Europe

From the Leader of the UK Independence Party

Sir, Mr Gordon Smith (letter, January 8) is surely being obtuse in his speculations concerning how Dr Peter Chapman (letter, December 23) would cast his vote.

Of course Dr Chapman will refuse to vote Labour or Liberal Democrat. However, given his evident intelligence and patriotism he is hardly likely to be fooled by naive claims that John Major has been "skilfully negotiating to keep our liberties while profiting commercially from such aspects of the EU as are not completely corrupt". Your past editorials have been only too eloquent regarding the economic and political costs to the country incurred by such of Mr Major's initiatives as ERM membership and the Maastricht treaty.

No, Dr Chapman assures me that he will be voting for the UK Independence Party.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN SKED,
Leader, UK Independence Party,
80 Regent Street, W1.
January 9.

A tasty dish

From Mr Richard Smith

Sir, Zander (report by Robin Young and leading article, January 10) is mentioned in a British cook book. It is in André L. Simon's *Guide to Food and Wines*, in the fish section under perch:

> The giant perch of Germany, the zander, abounds in the Elbe and is one of the gastronomical glories of Dresden. The best ways of cooking a perch are the same as for grayling.

Grayling are usually cooked like trout.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SMITH,
Tudor Cottage,
Lilley's Alley,
Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.
January 10.

Weekend Money letters, page 39

Letters for publication should carry contact telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

Still running

From Mr Anthony Baker

Sir, Jonathan Robinson (letter, January 3) quotes Matthew Arnold's famous words about "this strange disease of modern life, with its sick hurry" without mentioning that Arnold is said to have died of heart failure after running to catch a tram.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BAKER,
Ladram,
Sidcot, Winscombe, Somerset.

Where rivers flow

From Dr P. J. S. Whitmore

Sir, Whether the Derwent "rushes past the glory of Chatsworth" as Mr Roy Hattersley has it (Weekend, January 6) or merely flows is a matter of opinion. It is, however, a matter of geographical fact that it does neither past Haddon, where the river is the Wye.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. S. WHITMORE,
Woodlands, Denstone,
Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.
January 6.

عن الأصل

مكتبة الأصل

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM,
NORFOLK

January 12: The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Brigadier Evelyn Webb-Carter at the Funeral of Major E.C. Weaver which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, this afternoon.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

January 12: The Prince of Wales today visited York and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

His Royal Highness, President, this morning attended a Reception and Exhibition for businesses funded by The Prince's Youth Business Trust at the Merchant Adventurers Hall.

The Prince of Wales afterwards toured York City developments.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Law Courts.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Council of British Archaeology, later visited the offices of the Council, met staff and received a presentation of the work of the Council.

His Royal Highness subsequently visited the studio of the wood and stone carver, Mr Richard Reid, at 23 Fishergate.

Weekend events

TODAY: The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11am.
TOMORROW: The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11am. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

Dinner

The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland

The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland held their Winter Scientific Meeting dinner yesterday at the Cafe Royal, London, W1. The President, Dr S.M. Lyons and Mrs Lyons, received the guests who included:

Dr and Mrs W L M Baird, Professor J P Blandy, Dr and Mrs A I J Brain, Sir Kenneth and Lady Calman, Dr H and the Rev W Campbell, Professor and Mrs R S J Clarke, Dr C J Clough, Mr and Mrs H W Cooke, Dr and Mrs J C Cooper, Mr B H Goodman, Mr and Mrs C D Gowdy, Sir Donald and Lady Irvine, Mr J N Johnson, Sir Robert and Lady Kilpatrick, Dr and Mrs S W Lim, Mr and Mrs E Lindh, Dr A Macara, Dr and Mrs J F Nunn, Professor Teik E Oh, Professor and Mrs C Prys-Roberts, Mr and Mrs W K Reid, Professor and Mrs M Rosen, Sir Rodney and Lady Sweetnam, Professor and Mrs M D Vickers and Ms Sue Vincent.

Reception

HM Government

Mr George Kynoch, Minister for Industry and Local Government at the Scottish Office, was the host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday in Edinburgh Castle for the Japanese business community in Scotland.

Memorial service

Mrs Margaret Watkin

A memorial service for Mrs Margaret Auriol Watkin, university lecturer and magistrate, was held yesterday at St Peter's, Carmarthen. The Rev Randolph Thomas officiated, assisted by the Rev Peter Thomas, the Rev Glyndwr Walker, the Rev T. Arwyn Thomas and the Rev J. Elwyn Jenkins, who led the prayers.

The Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed read the lessons. The Rev Professor J. Tudno Williams read from *Ymadawiad Arthur* by T. Gwynn Jones and from the works of Dylan Thomas. The Right Rev J. Ivor Rees gave an address.

The High Sheriff of Dyfed and Mrs Rosemary Thompson, (chairman of council, The Magistrates Association), with Mrs A Fuller (deputy chairman) and Ms Sally Dickinson (secretary) attended.

Service dinner

RN College Greenwich

Commodore C.R. Beagley presided at the annual dinner of Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve Public Affairs branch held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich. Commander S.J. Eagles was the principal speaker. Commodore D.G. MacDonald and Captain T.J. Norman-Walker were among the guests.

Latest wills

Mr Douglas Edward **Arnold**, of Spitfire Hangar, Biggin Hill Airfield, Biggin Hill, Kent, left estate valued at £4,812,109 net.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Craigie Aitchison, painter, 70; Air Marshal Sir John Baker-Carr, 90; Mr Clive Betts, MP, 46; Sir Johannes Bjelke-Petersen, former Premier of Queensland, 85; Mr Richard Blackford, composer, 42; Mr Michael Bond, author and creator of Paddington Bear, 70; Dr Sydney Brenner, CH, molecular biologist, 69; Sir John Caines, civil servant, 63; Miss Carolyn Corben, fashion designer, 33; Mr Edward Crew, Chief Constable, Northamptonshire, 50; the Earl of Essex, 76; Mr Stephen Glover, former Editor, *Independent on Sunday*, 44; Mr Ronan Rafferty, golfer, 32; Sir Colin Shepherd, MP, 58; Mr Bernard Shrimsley, journalist, 65; Mr K.C. Turpin, former Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University, 81.

TOMORROW: Captain Sir Alastair Aird, private secretary, comptroller and equerry to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 65; Professor Sir Melville Arnott, cardiologist, 87; Mr Peter Barkworth, actor, 67; Mr Richard Briers, actor, 62; Baroness Brooke of Ystradfellte, 88; Lord Catto, 73; the Earl of Drogheda, 59; Lord Ellenborough, 70; Mr Simon Fielding, chairman, General Council and Register of Osteopaths, 43; Miss Maina Gielgud, ballerina, 51; Miss Andrée Grenfell, former managing director, Glemby International, 56; Miss Sophie Harley, fashion designer, 31; Sir Martin Holdgate, president, Zoological Society of London, 65; Sir Arthur Hoole, former president, Law Society, 72; Professor Sir Hans Kornberg, former Master, Christ's College, Cambridge, 68; Mr John Lever, Headmaster, Canford School, Dorset, 44.

Mr Warren Mitchell, actor, 70; Lieutenant-Colonel N.J. Newman, Chapter Clerk, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, 54; Mr Trevor Nunn, theatre director, 56; Sir Neil Pritchard, diplomat, 85; Mr C.R. Reeves, banker, 60; Sir Vernon Seccombe, chairman, Plymouth Hospitals' NHS Trust, 68; Mrs Hazel Williamson, QC, 49; Sir John Woodcock, former HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 64; Mr Roger Young, chief executive, Scottish Hydro-Electric, 52.

Stephen Hendry, the snooker player, is 27 today; Faye Dunaway, the actress, will be 55 tomorrow

Anniversaries

TODAY

BIRTHS: Jan van Goyen, landscape painter, Leiden, The Netherlands, 1596; Charles Perrault, writer and collector of folk tales, Paris, 1628.

DEATHS: Edmund Spenser, poet, London, 1599; George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends, London, 1691; James Macknight, biblical critic, Edinburgh, 1800; John Scott, 1st Earl of Eldon, Lord Chancellor 1801-6 and 1807-27, London, 1838; Fabian Bellinghausen, Polar explorer, Russia, 1852; Stephen Collins Foster, songwriter, New York, 1864; Sir John Seeley, historian, Cambridge, 1895; James Joyce, novelist, Zurich, 1941; Hubert Humphrey, American Vice-President 1965-69, Waverley, Minnesota, 1978.

The Independent Labour Party was formed under Keir Hardie, 1893.

Nasa selected its first women astronauts, 1978.

TOMORROW

BIRTHS: John Biddle, Unitarian, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, baptised this day, 1615; Benedict Arnold, American general and traitor, Connecticut, 1741; Matthew Maury, hydrographer, Spotsylvania, Virginia, 1806; Henri Fantin-Latour, painter, Grenoble, 1836; Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, Brixton, London, 1847; Pierre Loti, novelist, Rochefort, France, 1850; John Dos Passos, novelist, Chicago, 1896; Albert Schweitzer, doctor, musician and missionary, Kaysenberg, France, 1875; Sir Cecil Beaton, photographer, London, 1904; Yukio Mishima, writer, Tokyo, 1925.

DEATHS: Edmond Halley, astronomer, London, 1742; George Berkeley, philosopher and Bishop of Cloyne 1734-53, Oxford, 1753; Samuel Spalding, philosopher, Cape of Good Hope, 1843; Jean Ingres, painter, Paris, 1867; Henry Edward Manning, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster 1865-92, London, 1892; Lewis Carroll (pseudonym of Charles Dodgson), writer, Guildford, Surrey, 1898; Humphrey Bogart, actor, Hollywood, 1957; Anthony Eden, 1st Earl of Avon, Prime Minister 1955-57, Salisbury, 1977; Peter Finch, actor, Los Angeles, 1977.

The last London Frost Fair was held, 1814.

The first demonstration of Alexander Graham Bell's telephone was made to Queen Victoria at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, 1878.

More than 1,000 people were killed when an earthquake destroyed most of Kingston, Jamaica, 1907.

The newly renovated Covent Garden Opera House opened with a staging of Bizet's *Carmen*, 1947.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Geoffrey Smith to be the new Canon Residentiary of Bradford Cathedral.

The Rev David Lee, Priest in Charge, Middleton and Wishaw; to be Residentiary Canon and Director of Birmingham Cathedral.

The Rev Peter Brown, Priest in Charge West Winch w Setchey and North Runcton: to be *also* Priest in Charge of Middleton (Norwich).

The Rev John Downs, Curate (NSM) at Barlestone; to be Curate (NSM) at Thornton, Bagworth and Stanton, with pastoral duties at Markfield (Leicester).

The Rev Julie Eaton, non-stipendiary assistant in the Billericay and Little Burstead Team Ministry; to be Team Vicar in the Billericay and Little Burstead Team Ministry, with particular responsibility for St John the Divine (Chelmsford).

The Rev Canon Brian Hails, Industrial Chaplain of Sunderland (within the Northumbrian Industrial Mission and the Diocese of Durham); to be also Team Rector of the Sunderland Team Ministry.

The Rev Nicholas Von Benzon, formerly Assistant Curate, Warminster St Denys, Corsley w Chapmanslade, and The Deverills: to be Team Vicar, the newly formed Cley Hill Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev Paul Whitehead, Assistant Curate, Mansfield Woodhouse, St Edmund King and Martyr: to be Associate Priest, St Paul's, Carlton, w special responsibility at Colwick, St John the Baptist (Southwell).

The Rev Canon Geoffrey Willett, Priest-in-charge, Markfield and Rural Dean of Sparkenhoe East: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Thornton, Bagworth and Stanton (Leicester).

The Rev Keith Williams, Assistant Curate (NSM), Netherfield w Colwick: to be Associate Priest (NSM), Gedling, All Hallows, w special responsibility at Netherfield, St George (Southwell).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Elizabeth Capper, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Whitstable in the Whitstable Team Ministry (Canterbury): to resign January 7.

The Rev Peter Chippendale, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Lickey (Birmingham): to resign February 29.

The Rev Ronald Duffield, Rector, East Knoyle, Semley and Sedgehill (Salisbury): to retire January 1.

The Rev David Pairman, Team Vicar, Marshwood Vale Team Ministry (Salisbury): retired November 30.

The Rev Raymond Weaver, NSM, Weymouth Holy Trinity (Salisbury): resigned October 31, permission to officiate, same diocese.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr M.G. Brookman
and Miss A.R. Glenny**

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Brookman, of Cumbria, formerly of Reigate, and Alison Rosalind, younger daughter of the late Revd William Glenny and of Mrs Margaret Glenny, of Hampshire.

**Mr C. Chilton
and Miss R.V.A. Golding**

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Joe Chilton, of Consett, Co Durham, and Rosemary, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs A.M.B. Golding, of St John's Wood, London.

**Mr K.J.P. Clarke
and Miss K.L. Slade**

The engagement is announced between Kevin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Clarke, of Goffs Oak, Hertfordshire, and Lucy, younger daughter of the late Mr David Slade and of Zinnia Slade, of Whitstable, Kent.

**Mr R.E. Davies
and Miss L.E. Sylvester**

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs E. Davies, of Bramhope, Leeds, and Linda Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.P. Sylvester, of Bramhope, Leeds.

**Mr F.E. Dolan
and Miss M.L. Bedford**

The engagement is announced between Francis, third son of the late Mr Denis Dolan and of Mrs Sheila Dolan, of New Malden, and Marianne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bedford, of Cold Ash, Berkshire.

**Mr O. Leines
and Miss L.K.B. Bedford**

The engagement is announced between Oystein, third son of Mr and Mrs Johannes Leines, of Dilling, Norway, and Lucy Kate Boadicea, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bedford, of Cold Ash, Berkshire.

**Mr P.K. Florence
and Miss R.M.St.J. Shaw**

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Florence, of Hay-on-Wye, and Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mrs Harriet Birchley, of Llanwarne, Herefordshire.

**Mr J.H.G. Glendinning
and Miss E.Z. McPherson**

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Glendinning, of Island Reagh, Comber, Co Down, and Zoe, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.I. McPherson, of Hagley, Worcestershire.

**Mr M. Huttner
and Miss C.S. Rentoul**

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Hans Huttner, of Raisting, Germany, and Charlotte Sara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Rentoul, of Strawberry Hill, Twickenham.

**Mr R.D. Marlow
and Miss E.L. Major**

The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs Alec Marlow, of Bramhall, Cheshire, and Esmé Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Major, of Washington, Tyne and Wear.

**Mr M.G. O'Connor
and Miss D.A. Templeton**

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr A.M. O'Connor, of Salfords, Surrey and the late Mrs Jilly O'Connor, and Dawn, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Templeton, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

**Mr S.W.K. Wickham
and Miss E.C. Bevan**

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs James Wickham, of Westward Ho!, Devonshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bevan, of Gresham, Norfolk.

Marriages

**Mr G.A. Middleton
and Mlle L. de Tarragon**

The marriage took place yesterday in the Chapelle Saint-Louis de l'Ecole Militaire, Paris, of Mr George Alexander Middleton, son of Sir George and Lady Middleton, of London, to Mlle Laetitia de Tarragon, daughter of Le Comte and La Comtesse de Tarragon, of Neuilly, France. M Le Chanoine de Tarragon officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Armand de Juniac, Maxim de Juniac, Marguerite Lenoroy, Stanislas Lenoroy and Harriet Bouchard. M Renault de Tarragon was best man.

A reception was held at l'École Militaire and the honeymoon will be spent in the Maldives.

**Mr C.J. Pearsall
and Miss T.M. Wright**

The marriage took place on December 14, at City Hall, Hong Kong, of Mr Christopher Pearsall, son of the late Mr and Mrs Joseph Pearsall, of Walsall, Staffordshire, to Miss Tina Wright, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Wright, of Holker, Cumbria.

School news

Mill Hill School

Spring term started on Wednesday, January 10. Kathy Haering is Senior Monitor and Paul Gripari Captain of Hockey. Mr Gareth Homfray-Davies joins the Mill Hill School Foundation as Director of Admissions. Dr Robin Anderson, of the Tavistock Centre, lectures on "Parents and Adolescents" on January 24. Admiral Armstrong, Director of the College of Defence Studies, gives The Prestige Lecture on February 13. The Inter-House Drama Final takes place on March 8. Under The European Initiative the Fourth Form departs for cities in France, Germany and Spain on March 23. Term ends on March 27 with the Ten Mile Cup. The School is a registered charity and exists for the education of boys and girls.

Westonbirt School

Spring Term begins on Sunday, January 14. Kenny Ball & his Jazzmen will perform at the school on February 8. The School Choirs will perform Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Purcell's *Come ye Sons of Art away* on February 16. The Bishop of Tewkesbury will conduct the Confirmation Service on Saturday, February 24, at 11am. Term ends on Friday, March 22, after the final performance of *The King and I*.

Chartered Foresters

The following have passed the Institute of Chartered Foresters' 1995 Professional Examinations and have been promoted to Ordinary Membership with the right to use the title "Chartered Forester" and the designation "MICFor" from January 1, 1996. Miss L R Dyke and Mr R K Gable were awarded Passes with Distinction.

P R K Allen, Fountain Forestry, Banbury, Oxfordshire; A R Bethell, Superior Woodlands, Gloucestershire; A M Berryman, ADAS, Exeter, Devon; K D Black, Forestry Authority, Inverness; M Bottomley, Forest Enterprise, Lyndhurst, Hampshire; M W Bridge, Fountain Forestry, Bedale, North Yorkshire; M J Colledge, Forest Enterprise, Clitheroe, Lancashire; Miss L R Dyke, Forest Enterprise, Rugeley, Staffordshire; Miss R M Evans, Tilhill Economic Forestry, Bala, Gwynedd; R K Gable, Forestry Authority, Abergavenny, Gwent; G V Garratt, Tilhill Economic Forestry, Church Stretton, Shropshire; Miss N E Germany, Fountain Forestry, Newton Abbot, Devon; R N Gossling, Forestry Authority, Coleford, Gloucestershire; A M Hampson, Scottish Natural Heritage, Edinburgh; D H Hardie, Shotton Forest Management; I R Harvey, Forestry Authority, Northwich, Cheshire; T J Jennings, Forest Enterprise, Corby, Northamptonshire; D G Jones, Forest Enterprise, Llanrwst, Gwynedd; Miss S F Jones, Fountain Forestry, Newton Abbot, Devon.

J D Levell, Forest Enterprise, Neath, West Glamorgan; J N Mackay, Shotton Forest Management, Carlisle, Cumbria; P N Oliver, self employed; H D Robertson, Finlayson Hughes, Kincraig, Inverness-shire; Ms S M Rowland, Kirklees Metropolitan Council, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire; A J Shirley-Priest, Abbey Forestry, Pershore, Worcester; Miss I M Tarwinska, Forestry Authority, Dumfries; A G Wiseman, Forest Enterprise, Neath, West Glamorgan; A R Worthington, Forest Enterprise, Cambridge.

Church services tomorrow

Second Sunday after Epiphany

ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 S Euch, Howard in A flat, O nata lux (Tallis), The Provost; 6.30 Choral E, Holy is the true light (Harris), Noble in B minor, Ascribe unto the Lord (Travers).

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, O nata lux (Tallis), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd); 3.30 Choral E & Holy Baptism, Expecans expectavi (Wood).

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass for Five Voices (Byrd), Praise our Lord (Byrd), Rev Dr D Stamps; 4 Choral E, Greater Love hath no man (Ireland); 6 Midlands Festival.

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 Choral M, Now to the earth in mercy (Buck); 10.30 Euch, Canon K Parfitt; 6.30 Epiphany Carols.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL, College Green: 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, Holy is the true light (Harris), Missa Brevis (Ives), Canon P Johnson; 3.30 Choral E, O little Town of Bethlehem (Davies).

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M, Rt Rev Dr C Lewis; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Mozart), Omnes de Saba (Handl), The Dean; 3.15 S E, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn); 6.30 Compline, the Archdeacon.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M; 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Omnes de Saba (Handl), Archdeacon D Turnbull; 3 E, There shall be a star from David come forth (Mendelssohn).

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC, The Provost; 9.30 Euch, Rev B Parkes; 11.15 Choral M, Blessed are those servants (Moeran), The Provost; 3 Christingle, B Surtees; 6 Choral E, Through the day (Moore).

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Te Deum (Purcell), Canon T Dennis; 11.30 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina); 3.30 Choral E, Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley); 6.30 ES, Canon P Cook.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Brightest and best of the sons of the morning (Archer), The Chancellor; 11 S Euch, Child of heaven (Foster), The Precentor; 3.30 E, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn).

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford: 8 HC; 10 M & Sermon, Canon O'Donovan; 11.15 S Euch, Pater noster (Stravinsky), Canon Peacocke; 6 E & Prayers.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch, Tu es Petrus (Duruflé), Gaelic Blessing (Rutter), Mrs M Sedgwick; 3 German Lutherans; 5.30 E, Give us the wings of faith (Bullock).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8, 11.15 HC; 10 M, When Jesus, our Lord was born in Bethlehem (Mendelssohn), Rev M Parker; 3.30 E, Ante luciferum genitus (Handl).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, V Williams, The Shepherds' Farewell (Berlioz), The Precentor; 6.30 Epiphany Processsion.

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Deep peace (Rutter), The Treasurer; 11.15 M, Omnes de Saba venient (Handl), The Sub Dean; 3 E, Lo, Star-led chiefs (Crotch); 6.30 E, There shall be a star (Mendelssohn), The Priest Vicar.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Gabrieli), O magnum mysterium (Gabrieli), The Dean; 11.15 M, Jubilate (Schultz), The three kings (Cornelius), Mrs H Bissett; 6.30 E, Here is a little door (Howells), Canon M Houghton.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 Euch, Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell), Ireland in C, Ven I Stanes; 3 Choral E, Welcome Installation & Commissioning of Rt Rev W Down, I was glad (Parry), the Bishop.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Messe de Minuit (Charpentier), Tres magi de Gentibus (Lang), Preb J Pawson; 3.30 E, My soul is a country (Parry).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Mass for the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), The Precentor; 11.15 M, Robinsong (Harlin); 3.45 E, Lo, star-led chiefs (Crotch), Canon J Nurser.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC; 10.30 Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Canon N Vincent; 3 Choral E, Murrill in E, Canon M Boyling; 4 HC.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & L; 8, 12.15 H Euch, The Dean; 9 Parish Euch, Rev J Redvers; 11 S Euch, O nata lux (Tallis), The Canon; 3.30 Choral E, Ave virgo gloriosa (Dering); 6.30 E & Sermon, Rev N Court.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Ante luciferum genitus (Handel), Canon R Preston; 6.30 Epiphany Procession.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC, The Provost; 9.30 S Euch, Draw us in the Spirit's tether (Friedell), The Provost; 6 Choral E, The Lamb (Tavener), The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar).

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M, The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Fantasia and Fugue (Reger); 6.30 E, Bethlehem Down (Warlock).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, The Dean; 10 Euch, O little one sweet (Mozart), Canon D Durston; 11.30 M, O'er the hill and o'er the dale, Canon J Osborne; 3 E, Quem vidistis pastores, dicite (Poulenc).

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 Parish C, Canon C Smith; 12.30 PCC; 6.30 E & Sermon, the Ven M Paton; 8 Christ in quiet.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 10.55 Choral Euch, The three kings (Cornelius), Here is the little door (Howells), Canon D Atkinson; 3 Choral E, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn), Canon R White.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 S Euch, Listen sweet dove (Ives), The Treasurer; 6 E, Expectans expectavi (Wood), The Curate.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Rev A Jennings; 9.15 Parish C, Canon I Knox; 11 S Euch, From the rising of the sun (Ouseley), The Provost; 4 E, Almighty God, which by the leading of a star (Bull), Canon R Taylor.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Rt Rev R Lewis; 11.30 M, From the rising of the sum (Ouseley); 3 E, Quem vidistes pastores (Poulenc), Rev G Farran.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Tallis), The three kings (Cornelius), Rev L Dennen; 11.15 Euch, Say where was he born? (Mendelssohn), O sacrum convivium (Tallis), Canon C Semper; 3 E, Seek him the maker of the seven stars (Elgar), Canon A Harvey; 5.45 Organ; 6.30 Evening, Sister H Markey.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12 Mass; 10 MP; 10.30 SM, O magnum mysterium (Victoria), Fantasia on the Old Hundredth (Parry); 3.30 Solemn V&B, Magnificat octavi toni (Lassus), A spotless rose (Howells); 6.30 Organ.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Laetentur coeli (Byrd), The Dean; 11.30 Euch, Missa sexti toni (Croce), Hodie Christus natus est (Sweelinck); 3.30 E, Lully, lulla (Leighton), Canon Walker.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.30 M & L; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C, Rev S Fagbemi; 11 S Euch, Cradle song (Shepherds), Rev S Fagbemi; 3.15 E, When Jesus our Lord was born (Mendelssohn).

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Rev P Ferguson; 11.30 M, Ireland in F; 4 E, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn), Rev H Edgerton.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral M, Te Deum: Vaughan Williams in G, Bring unto the Lord (Howell Jones), Rev R Griffiths; 3.30 EP.

ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch, The Dean; 11.15 Choral M, Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Bach), The Canon; 6 Choral E, Save us O Lord (Bairstow), The Succentor.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, LM; 11.30 Solemn Mass, Mass in G (Haydn), Achieved is the glorious work (Haydn), Canon J Pannett.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8, 10 Morning Service, HC, The Minister, Douce Memoire (Lassus); 11.30 Morning S, The Minister, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow); 6 Scottish Chamber Choir; 8 Evening S, Rev C Kenny.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45 M; 11 S Euch, Ave verum corpus (Hendrie), The Ven M Colclough; 3.15 E, Seek him that maketh the seven stars (Elgar), Rev J Halliburton.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 HM; 11 HM, Quem vidistis pastores (Dering), The Vicar; 6 E&B, Videntes stellam (Poulenc), The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.11 HC; C, Rev S Wookey; 6.30 Canon J Chapman.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa O regem coeli (Palestrina), Alma redemptoris mater (Soriano), O sacrum convivium (Wagner).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10 Children; 11 M, From the rising of the sun (Ouseley), Mr J Watherston; 6 E, Rev Dr P Elvy.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15 LM, Fr. M Evans; 11 Missa Brevis K115 (Mozart), Salvos fac nos (Jochum), Sanctus Missa Primi Toni (Hassler), Jesu Dulcis Memoria (Shephard); 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev S Downham; 11 Informal, Rev S Millar; 5, 7.30 Informal, Rev N Gumbel.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa O magnum mysterium (Victoria), Laetatus sum (Victoria); 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, O nomen Jesu (Philips).

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, Iverna Gdns, W8: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 Morning, Rev Dr G Barritt.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 10 UN Service of celebration, Rev Dr D English; 6.30 Festival of Praise, Rev Dr J Hale.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons), The Rector; 6.30 Choral Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Lo! star-led chiefs (Crotch), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, The world's joie (Bax), Rev J Burton.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 M, Te Deum and Jubilate (Ireland in F), See, see the word is incarnate (Gibbons), Rev P Bishop.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Confirmations, Rev J McIndoe; 6.30 Rev W Cairns.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Darlow), Beati quorum via (Stanford), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch, John Paul, Rector.

ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 Family, Sortie (Lefebure-Wely), Rev M Holmdens; 6.30 HC, J Richardson.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, O God thou art my God (Purcell), Rev S Watson; 6.30 E, Bethlehem Down (Warlock), Ven T Raphael.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Gabrieli), Tribus miraculis (Palestrina), Rev T D Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Canon D Gray.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, J Rosenthal; 11.30 Visitors, The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese, Rev D Foo; 5 Choral E; 6.30 Evening, Rev B Schunemann.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa quarti tone (Victoria), Fr B Scott; 6 Solemn E & Solemn B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Missa in honorem Sancti Dominici (Rubbra); Cantate Domino (Monteverdi), Rev D Jones; 6 EP.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass in D (Dvorak), Jubilate in B flat (Stanford), Rev R McLaren.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 10.15 Children; 11 HC, Rev C Guinness; 7 Informal Service, Rev C Marnham.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa poinct de porcq (Lassus), Hymn to St Peter (Britten), Rev K Joyce.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 11, Missa Alma Redemptoris Mater (Victoria), When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn), Prelude & Fugue in D (Schmid), Fr A Childwick.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Pastoral-Messe KV140 (Mozart), There shall be a star from Jacob come forth (Mendelssohn), Canon C Colven.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Almighty God which by the leading of a star (Bull), Canon J Murphy.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Gloria in Excelsis (Weelkes), Rev G Watkins.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, In pace (Blitheman); 3.30 E, O Lord, the Maker (Joubert), Lord, thou hast been our refuge (Bairstow)

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Haydn), When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn), Sonata no.1 (Mendelssohn), Rev S Hobbs.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M; Lo star-led chiefs (Crotch); 12.30 HC, The Chaplain.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Collegium Regale (Howells), Surge illuminare (Palestrina), The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, What is a star (German carol), Omnes de Saba (Handl), Band, The Chaplain; 12 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: S Euch, Stanford in C, Quem pastores (Rutter), Rev C French.

PERSONAL COLUMN

BMD'S: 0171 782 7272
PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

TRADE: 0171 481 1982
FAX: 0171 481 9313

For while some are incapable of marriage because they were born so, or were made so by men, there are others who have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom.
Matthew 19 : 12 (REB).

BIRTHS

BERGER - On January 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Erica and Oliver, a beautiful daughter, Valerie.

CARMICHAEL - On 11th January, to Elizabeth (née Elliott) and William, a son, Thomas William Edward.

COATES - On January 8th, to Samantha (née Clist) and Andrew, a son, Alexander Luke Brinton.

DAVIES - To a delighted Graeme and Sarah, a beautiful daughter Isabel Bryony, on 11th January 1996.

EVERETT ALEXANDER - On 31st December, to Sarah Everett and Conel Alexander, a daughter, Elena Katherine.

FLOOD - On January 9th, to Peter and Deborah, a daughter, Pippa Alice Elizabeth.

GARDNER - To Colin and Karen (née Boddington) on 12th December at The Lister Hospital, Stevenage, a son, Hugo Clive Edward, a bouncing brother for Ursula.

GLEDHILL - On 6th January at The Portland Hospital, to Rosemary and Richard, a daughter, Clara Kathleen Margaret, sister for Angus.

GUDELIS - On January 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Patty Dimond and Rimas Jon Gudelis, a beautiful daughter, Hana Marie Dimond Gudelis.

HODGSON - On January 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Janetta (née Lewin) and Keith, a beautiful son, Jake Jupiter Lewin, long awaited and much loved.

BIRTHS

JENNINGS - On Friday 12th January, to Nicola (née Goodey) and Ian, a son, Dominic Charles.

JENSEN - On January 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Nicola (née Brink) and Carl, a daughter, Katharine Sarah.

KAPP - On 8th January 1996, to Debra (née Kilbee) and Trevor, a son, James Thomas.

KING-LEWIS - On January 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Lesley (née Bryer) and Peter, a beautiful daughter, Katharine Molly.

MEALING - On January 8th 1996, to Clemency (née Nolan) and William, a son, William Henry.

MUÑOZ-ECHANIZ - On January 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Irene and Samuel, a son, Juan Alvaro. Felicidades - Zorionak.

PARKER - On January 4th, to Petra (née Bray) and Robin, a son, William Thomas, a brother to Matthew.

POWELL - On 8th January, to Catherine and Hugh, a son, Joshua.

SANDELSON - On 24th December at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, to Joanne Morrison and Robert, a daughter, Fen Xana Anne.

STEWART - On 30th December 1995, to Diana and Ron, a beautiful son, William Ronald, a brother for Alastair.

VAN RENSSELAER - To Corinne (née Oosterbock) and Rik on 24th December, a son, William Alexander, a brother for Skye.

DEATHS

BOWER - Isabel Sane aged 92 widow of Claude peacefully at Dorchester Hospital on January 10th. Thanksgiving Service on Thursday 18th January at 12 noon at Manston Church. Family flowers only but donations if desired in aid of Cancer Research may be sent to Colin J. Close (F.D.), 1B Salisbury Street, Blandford, Dorset DT11 7PL.

CARDY - On January 10th in Hawkhurst, Kent. Kenneth Leonard aged 78, husband of Joan, father of Gemma and Josh and grandfather of Camilla, Bertie and Isabella.

CHEETHAM - On Thursday January 11th, at The West Wales General Hospital, Carmarthen, Anne of Bronwydd, Carmarthen, beloved wife of Gerald, devoted mother of Joanna, Elizabeth and John and loving grandmother of Bethan and Sebastian. Public funeral Wednesday January 17th at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth, Pembrokeshire at 2 pm. Donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Lane End, Bronwydd, Carmarthen, Dyfed.

CLARKE - Miss May, of Willingdon, Eastbourne, peacefully on 9th January. Funeral Service on Wednesday 17th January 2.45 pm at Willingdon Church, followed by private interment at Ocklynge Cemetery.

DEATHS

FITZPATRICK - Katherine (Kitty), much loved infant daughter of Robert and Clare, died peacefully in her sleep on 10th January. No flowers please. If desired, donations to The Children's Hospice, Milton, Cambridge. Funeral at Broad Hinton Church, 2 pm Wednesday 17th January.

FOXCROFT - Suddenly but peacefully at home on Friday 12th January 1996, Geoffrey Edward Foxcroft, O.B.E., late of Rugby School, beloved husband of Collie and dearly loved father of Richard and Jane. Private cremation. Memorial Service to be announced later.

GORDON SMITH - David Dalby tragically at his home in Ireland on Sunday January 7th 1996. Will be forever missed by Sophia and Harry and his many friends and relatives. Memorial Service at St John's Church, Ludwell, near Shaftesbury, 2.30 pm Saturday January 20th and afterwards at Charlton Village Hall. No flowers by request. Donations to the Richmond Fellowship c/o Merefield and Hambridge, Ridgemount, Melbury Abbas, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 0BU.

GREENWOOD - On 10th January, peacefully after an heroic fight against much illness, Dr. Raymond, beloved husband of Jennifer and dear father of Sarah, Peter and Polly. Funeral at St Paul's Church, Woldingham, on Monday 22nd January at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if wished to St Paul's Church.

DEATHS

HABBITTS - On Wednesday January 10th, Leonard Douglas peacefully at Rush Court Nursing Home, Wallingford, beloved husband of Beryl, devoted father of Jacqui and Lesley. Grandfather to Sharon, Ian, Anna, Kelly and Kirstin. Funeral Service will take place at St Margaret's Church, Mapledurham, on Thursday January 18th at 10.45 am, followed by private cremation at Reading Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to Kirstin Royle Memorial Trust c/o Cyril H. Lovegrove Funeral Directors, 58 Briants Avenue, Caversham, Reading.

HORSFIELD - Rev. Monsignor Francis (Frank), peacefully on 3rd January 1996, retired principal chaplain R.A.F. and retired parish priest of St Annes, Cliftonville, Kent. Requiem Mass at St Anne's Catholic Church on Wednesday January 17th at 12 noon, followed by interment in St Augustines Abbey burial ground Ramsgate, Kent at 2pm. R.I.P. Family flowers only, but enquiries and donations to 'CAFOD' may be sent c/o Gore Brothers Ltd., 33-7 Addington Road, Margate, CT9 1NH, tel: (01843) 225634.

LEES - On January 9th 1996, in Poole, Dorset, David Hugh Lees F.R.C.S. (Ed), F.R.C.O.G., greatly loved and loving husband of Anne, adored father of Elizabeth and much loved grandpa Tatty of Vicki. Service at Poole Crematorium on Wednesday January 17th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for the N.S.P.C.C. to Tapper Funeral Service, 32/34 Parkstone Road, Poole, BH15 2PG, tel: (01202) 673164.

DEATHS

MAYER - Frederick Lewis: much loved father of Charlotte and the grandfather of Antonia and Louise, died peacefully on 10th January 1996 aged 92. Cremation will be at the East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11, at 10.45 am on Friday 19th January. Flowers to W.G. Millers Funeral Directors, 96 Essex Road, N1 2SJ or if desired donations to The North London Hospice, 47 Woodside Avenue, N12 8TF.

McCARTHY - Dennis, M.B.E. Marjorie, Karen, Owen, Tara, Paul and their families regret to announce his sudden death on Wednesday 10th January 1996 aged 62. A funeral service will be held at St Barnabas Cathedral, Derby Road, Nottingham at 11 am on Wednesday 17th January. Flowers may be sent to A.W. Lymn, Robin Hood House, Robin Hood Street, Nottingham. tel: (0115) 9600878.

PAIN - Peacefully on 11th January, four days before her 100th birthday, Kathleen Agnes. Past County Chairman Bedfordshire W.I. Beloved daughter of the late Richard Ernest and Agnes Pain of Heath and Reach, Bedfordshire. Much loved cousin and aunt. Funeral Service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Thursday 18th January at 4pm. No flowers at her request but donations if desired for The Children's Society or Help the Aged may be sent to J. & R Matthews, 1 Old Talbot House, High Street, Cuckfield, West Sussex RH17 5JX, tel: (01444) 441515.

DEATHS

PILSWORTH - Dr. Neville, on January 11th 1996 in Oxford, formerly of Wicklow, Dublin and the Isle of Man. Beloved husband of Peggy (deceased) and much loved father of Judith and Hugh, grandfather of Rebecca, Rachel and Fiona. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium on Thursday 18th January at 12 15 pm. Family flowers only, donations to 7E, John Radcliffe Hospital c/o A.W. Bruce, 29 Rogers Street, Summertown, Oxford.

TENNANT - Margot, on 12th January at Mohrelt, Tarriff, after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity. Much loved and loving wife, stepmother, sister and aunt. Private cremation. Donations may be sent to Macmillan Nurses or Marie Curie c/o Gordon and Walker, 30 Rosebank Place, Aberdeen, AB1 2XN.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BAILEY - Sydney D. A Memorial Meeting for Worship to be held at Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ (opposite Euston Station), Tuesday 30th January at 4.30 pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

ELLIS - Jill died 13th January 1994. You filled the rooms with amber light. Duncan.

PUBLIC NOTICES

JOY KEITH TRUST

The Charity Commissioners have made an order appointing (and removing) trustees of this charity. Copies can be obtained from them at 2nd Floor, 20, Kings Parade, Queens Dock, Liverpool L3 4DQ (quoting reference [illegible]).

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased persons whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

HOLLAND KATHLEEN MERCY [illegible] Devon, died on 22nd April 1995. [illegible] before 18th March 1996.

MARTIN ROBERT LANE of [illegible] London [illegible] died on [illegible] September 1995. [illegible] 24 Hanover Square, London W1R [illegible] before 15 March 1996.

QUICKENDEN MRS. GLADYS [illegible] died on 12th November 1995. [illegible] before 29th March 1996.

TRUSTEE ACTS

WILLIS Eileen Violet late of 51 Shepherds Lane Caversham Heights Reading, Berkshire died on 18th August 1995. Particulars to Sargeant & Sheppard Solicitors of 150 Friar Street, Reading, Berkshire RG1 1HE before 20th March 1996.

TRUSTEE ACTS

JOSEPH HOUSTON late of 108 Broadway, New Moston, Manchester, died on the 7th August 1995. Particulars to [illegible] Solicitors, 25 St John Street, Manchester M3 4DT before 12th May 1996.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURTS No. 6901 of 1995
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE
EX-LANDS P.L.C.
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition was on 3rd January 1996 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £22,590,000 to £11,277,259 as part of a Scheme of Arrangement.

AND NOTICE is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday 24th January 1996.

Any creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated 11th January 1996

Howard Kennedy
Harcourt House
19 Cavendish Square
London W1A 2AW
Ref: 6/Ex Lands

Solicitors for the above named company

urthcoming marriages

LAWRENCE NEAL

Lawrence Neal, chairman of Daniel Neal & Sons, 1939-63, died n Aberystwyth on January 6 aged 100. He was born on October 27, 1895.

HE children's store of Daniel Neal & ns was an old family business ting back to 1837, the year that ueen Victoria came to the throne. It rted as a bespoke shoemaker in rkeley Square in London. In the next neration a strong-minded Miss Gow om Thurso in Scotland married the cond Daniel Neal and they had a ge family. This led to their becoming ecialists in children's shoes.

Lawrence Edward Neal, her grandn, was named after John Lawrence, ceroy of India, 1863-69. As evidence the upward mobility of the family, s parents hoped that he might make career in the Indian Civil Service. ings, however, did not work out ite as they had originally intended. is father became consumptive and oked to his old friend, W. G. shbrooke — Headmaster of St lave's Grammar School (then in uthwark) — to educate his son. The ung Neal did well and this led to his nning a scholarship to St John's, ford, where he obtained a first in assical Moderations in 1916.

But his studies were interrupted by e First World War. He was commisned into the 1st Battalion, the iltshire Regiment, and was sent to e trenches. He was twice wounded, ce in the head by a sniper's bullet, hich very probably saved his life as was out of harm's way for the rest of e Battle of the Somme. He returned the Western Front towards the end the war and used to say that, out of a oup of 13 friends, only he and nneth Lindsay (who later became an P) survived.

Both he and Lindsay fell in love with e same young woman poet from lasgow but it was Neal who married an Guthrie-Smith in 1918. However, l three contrived to remain lifelong iends.

At the end of the First World War he ined Daniel Neal, then controlled by uncle, and as "founder's kin" was pointed first managing director and en chairman just before the start of e Second World War. During the terwar period he became one of the under members of Political and conomic Planning (PEP) along with asil Blackett, Max Nicholson and rael Sieff.

Probably as a consequence of getting nown to Whitehall through this think-tank" involvement, he became a ember of the Sea Fish Commission of e United Kingdom, 1933-36. In 1932 e published his first book, *Retailing nd the Public*.

Too old to be called up in 1939, he eventually joined the Civil Service and was appointed Deputy Secretary of the newly formed Ministry of Town and Country Planning. Taking care of the family business over the weekend and in the evenings, he was a fire-watcher on the rooftops of Portman Square during the London Blitz of 1940.

His Whitehall experience led to his being appointed vice-chairman of the Crawley New Town Corporation from 1947 to 1956. He found this immensely stimulating and useful, too.

It was in the postwar period that Daniel Neal, already well known as the outfitters of green uniforms to Cheltenham Ladies' College, really took off. Branches in addition to those in Portman Square, Kensington High Street and Cheltenham were opened in Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter and Birmingham.

It was a big expansion and numerous famous public schools became Daniel Neal's clients as well as some of the earliest comprehensives. Many products of the postwar "bulge" may still recall visiting these shops and having their shoes expertly fitted and then checked in the X-ray machines — with their fascinating ability to show the wiggling of one's toes.

In 1959 Neal bought Treasure Cot, another well known family business with its main shop in Oxford Street. It specialised in upmarket baby clothes and nursery equipment and thus was a valuable adjunct to Daniel Neal, whose own business started with toddlers.

Lawrence Neal became a member of the Council of the Retail Distributors' Association and was its chairman in 1949. This led to his representing the the employers' side of the Drapery, Outfitting and Footwear Group of the Retail Distributive Trades on the Joint Industrial Council, serving as chairman in 1941.

He was a founder member of the British Institute of Management and belonged to the Twenty Club and also to the Winnowing Club. These latter were dining clubs representing the owners of many of the family-run stores, both large and small, in London and in the provinces and were a vital link between shopkeepers all over the country. He wrote the *History of the Twenty Club* from its founding in 1897 to 1979.

In the early 1960s, partly through the spread of family shareholdings, it became obvious that it might be prudent to consider selling the business as a going concern. In terms of its working philosophy the firm of Daniel Neal shared much in common with the John Lewis Partnership, and Lawrence Neal was delighted when in 1963 the latter became its new owners. The name of Daniel Neal was retained at least for a period to denote a specialist shop maintained at the back of John Lewis's own big Oxford Street store in Cavendish Square.

Undeterred by his "retirement", Neal was quickly involved in other activities and became the first chairman of the Furniture and Timber Trade Industry Training Board and, after this, of the Industrial Training Board's Pension Fund.

Throughout his career he impressed all his colleagues and rivals with his complete integrity. This may have been the product of his strict Nonconformist upbringing. When he first went to the Western Front in 1916, his mother wrote him a touching letter to say she felt a cigarette might help but hoped he would not succumb to "drink". He was never allowed to go to the theatre until he was 18 years old.

But in himself he was by no means austere. He had a wonderful gift for being able to make younger people feel totally at ease. As a result, he had a wide circle of friends and was constantly in demand as a companion to theatres and restaurants. Sunday lunch at the Hurlingham Club, with the greater family around him, became an institution.

He was twice married. His first wife Jean Guthrie-Smith died in 1949 and in 1952 he married as his second wife Beatrice Scheibner, widow of Walter Payne. She died in 1972. His eldest son was killed in Normandy in 1944 and he is survived by the remaining son and daughter of his first marriage.

ERIC HEBBORN

Eric Hebborn, art forger, died on January 11 aged 61. He was born on March 20, 1934.

ERIC HEBBORN was an excellent draughtsman and painter in his own right, but his principal career was as a self-confessed forger of Old Master drawings. His deceptions on the art establishment were carried out while he was acting as a dealer, working between Rome and London, in the 1960s and 1970s. The truth — as far as the truth could be established — about his forging practices came to light in his autobiography, *Drawn to Trouble*, published in 1991.

Hebborn's revelations spread further confusion among dealers, galleries and museums, although many experts had harboured doubts about Hebborn for years. One said: "To the trained eye every artist has a signature. Hebborn's is his cross-hatching." Geraldine Norman, then sale room correspondent of *The Times*, published an exposé on Hebborn in 1978. Brian Sewell, as long ago as 1964, had flown to Rome to confront him, and to forbid him ever to approach Christie's again.

But Hebborn had kept up the deception remarkably easily with others for many years, and claimed to have his drawings housed in the best galleries in the world, including the Metropolitan in New York and the British Museum in London. He did this by a variety of ingenious methods. He sold his own work to dealers alongside originals, and forged drawings covering so many different styles and periods that no one expert saw all of them. By the early 1980s, London dealers had grown wary of doing business directly with Hebborn, so he employed middlemen to ensure that his drawings could not be traced back to him.

Eric Hebborn was born into a large family, the son of a grocer's assistant in South Kensington. Even as a child, he was naturally destructive and, after attempting to burn down his school, he was sent to Borstal, and then brought up by foster parents.

He also showed exceptional ability at drawing. He gained a place at an art school in Chelmsford in 1949, and five years later at the Royal Academy Schools. The 1950s were brilliant years for Hebborn, and he won a string of prizes, including the Prix de Rome. During the early 1960s he taught drawing in several British universities, but by 1966 he was back in Rome, and he made that city his base for the rest of his life. He had shows, under his own name, in America and Britain.

The tales of Hebborn's early adventures in the world of forgery, like most of the colourful stories he told about his life, could never be authenticated. Hebborn's friend Sir Anthony Blunt, then Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures, told him in 1969: "The trouble is you can't draw, Eric." Hebborn retaliated by purchasing 18th-century paper, old ink, and reproducing a "Piranesi". The drawing — *Roman Port* — was later sold to the Royal Museum of Fine Arts in Copenhagen. But experts there, when later confronted with the Hebborn story, claimed to be entirely happy with the drawing's authenticity.

Emboldened by his success, Hebborn began to work on fakes on a regular basis, producing something like one a week over the next twenty years. He found he was able to "age" paper, and to reproduce antique canvas and old inks with such homely materials as olive oil, honey and flour. His working methods were described in *Il Manuale del Falsario* (The Forger's Manual), published recently in Italy.

He then took his drawings, and occasionally oils, to London, mixed together with other authentic drawings which he had bought in Italy. There they were sold to London dealers. Hebborn always claimed that it was these dealers who authenticated the pictures, and sold them on as the genuine article. He never told them that his drawings were anything other than being executed "in the style" of a certain artist. Those who wished to believe that they were buying a small masterpiece at a relatively modest price needed little encouragement. He later claimed to be the author of a Brueghel housed in the Metropolitan in New York, and a Van Dyck in the British Museum.

After his exposure as a fraud in the late 1970s, Hebborn did most of his dealings with crooked dealers, working through a hotel in Rome. He lived in an old villa in Anticoli Corrada, thirty miles from the capital, and was understandably reluctant to show work-in-progress to visitors. But in later years the urge to have his talent recognised by a larger audience finally prevailed, and resulted in the biography, *Drawn to Trouble*. His death was, like his life, mysterious and melodramatic. He was found in his studio in Rome, collapsed with severe head injuries, and later died from them.

He remained unmarried.

PROFESSOR SIR HAROLD BAILEY

Sir Harold Bailey, FBA Professor of Sanskrit at Cambridge University, 1938-67, died on January 11 aged 96. He was born on December 16, 1899.

SCHOLAR with a profound rasp of the ancient Indoanian languages, Harold ailey drew his great strength s a scholar from his ability to se documents written in alost all the other languages of entral Asia, including Tibetn and Chinese, both ancient nd medieval. Thus he was ble to bring unmatched nowledge to bear on the mass f documents recovered by rious expeditions from the sert sands of this vast area. this country he was regardd as the most distinguished ientalist of his generation, deed perhaps of any since e death of the 18th-century rsian scholar and jurist Sir illiam Jones in 1794.

Harold Walter Bailey was rn at Devizes in Wiltshire. From there, when he was ten, his parents emigrated to farm in Western Australia. The boy's schooldays were now over and he was set to work on a farm, deep in the outback 200 miles east of Perth. That he should have developed as he did in such an unpromising environment seems little short of miraculous.

With no teachers and precious little encouragement from his family, but impelled by an overmastering passion for knowledge, he taught himself, with such meagre materials as he could lay his hands on, to read Greek, Latin, Italian, Spanish, French, German and Russian.

Further, in the six years between 1913 and 1919 he acquainted himself with Arabic, Syriac, Hebrew, Turkish, Persian, Hindustani, Tamil, Sinhalese and Japanese, for the last of which which the newspaper wrappings of imported goods from the local store provided reading material. When in 1919 he gained access to some Sanskrit, Pali and Avestan books, he was able to lay the foundations of his life's work.

In 1922 Bailey entered the University of Western Australia, where he read Classics, and later took his MA with a thesis on *A study of religion in the dramas of Euripides*. After a year's teaching in a school and a year as a tutor in Latin at the university, a Hackett Studentship (the first to be awarded) in 1927 brought him to Oxford.

There, under F. W. Thomas, he took a first in Sanskrit, Avestan and Comparative Philology. Finally he was awarded a DPhil for a study of the Middle Persian text of the *Bundahishn*.

Two years later he was appointed to the newly-founded lectureship in Iranian studies in the School of Oriental Studies in London, where he continued to teach for eight years, adding also Armenian to the scope of his teaching. In 1936 he was elected to the chair of Sanskrit at Cambridge and shortly afterwards to a fellowship at Queens' College.

Though faced at first with a heavy load of teaching and, during the Second World War, with years of exacting work away from Cambridge for the Foreign Office, he continued the task which, begun in London, was to be his major activity for more than 30 years. This was the decipherment and editing of a vast mass of manuscripts originating in the trackless wastes of Central Asia and written in an Indian script in a Middle Iranian language termed by some Saka, but by Bailey Khotanese from the district where the material originated, Khotan. This area, in Chinese Turkestan, is rich in the history of the Middle Ages. Many of these materials had been brought back to Britain by the Budapest-born but British-naturalised scholar and explorer, Sir Aurel Stein, in three Central Asian expeditions he made between 1900 and 1916.

These collections were deposited in London at the British Museum and the India Office Library, in Paris, Berlin, Stockholm and Leningrad. They were published by Bailey in eight volumes, *Khotanese Texts I-VIII* (1945-85). There were also his editions of *Khotanese Buddhist Texts* (1951, 2nd edition 1981) and *Saka Documents* I-IV (1960-67).

The results of his far-ranging and profound knowledge were seen not only in these volumes, but in a vast series of articles in learned journals, each characterised by the same width and profundity of knowledge and meticulous scholarship, and dealing not only with the linguistic and historical problems of Central Asia, but increasingly with the help which the newly-won knowledge of Iranian gave to the interpretation of the ancient Indian texts, especially the *Rigveda*. A volume of studies in his honour, presented to him on his 70th birthday, included a bibliography of his own writings to that date, more than 160 items, but far exceeded since.

He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1944, president of the Philological Society in 1948 and knighted in 1960. He was also president of the Royal Asiatic Society, 1964-67, and was a corresponding member of the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian Academies as well as being an honorary member of many foreign Oriental and linguistic societies.

Among undergraduate students only the best could take full advantage of the lectures to which he always gave long hours of preparation. But to the advanced student and the research worker he was an inspiring teacher. Scholars, old and young, came from all over the world to his rooms in Queens' to consult and read with him. Nor were his interests by any means confined to the ancient Orient. His library contained a shelf of books on Dante; he was an authority on the Arthurian legends. One rainy day, visiting a friend in Wales, he spoke at length on Welsh philology and antiquities. After his departure one of the company remarked: "I did not know that Cambridge had a chair of Celtic."

He was blessed with a photographic memory, and friends recall his dismay at having on one occasion to look up a word in a dictionary for a second time. As a bachelor, he lived in college and played a full part in its life.

Bailey was no mean exponent of the violin — again self-taught in childhood with the help only of a visit from a travelling teacher once a year — and for many years he was the leader of a quartet which met in Queens' College. Many generations of undergraduates were made welcome in rooms overflowing with books from floor to ceiling. Admired and loved by all who came into contact with him, he was a man of surpassing modesty, and nothing surprised him more than the honours which learned bodies all over the world showered upon him.

After retiring from his chair in 1967 he maintained his close ties with his college and with the university. He placed his vast library at the disposal of the Cambridge headquarters of the Ancient India and Iran Trust, of which he was chairman.

He continued his researches with renewed vigour, still producing a steady flow of learned articles and now concentrating his efforts for the most part on the lexicographical study of the Iranian elements of the vocabulary of Khotanese. This bore fruit in his *Dictionary of Khotan Saka* (1979) and in his book *The Culture of the Sakas in Ancient Iranian Khotan* (1981).

He remained a bachelor.

PERSONAL COLUMN

FLATSHARE

UTNEY SW15 Prof m/f for large 2 bed flat. Close transport/ shops/ river. £110 pw. 0181 788 8285/ 0831 168796.

TICKETS FOR SALE

TICKETS FOR SALE
When responding to advertisements readers are advised to establish the face value and full details of tickets before entering into any commitment. Most sports tickets are subject to strict re-sale and transfer rules.

LL TICKETS: Int. Rugby, Phantom, R.dance, Clapton, Simply Red. All major pop, sport & theatre. CC's accpt 0171 928 0088

W.R.U. Debenture seats for sale (50 years) Best location Cardiff Arms Park 01446 730730

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

ECHSTEIN concert grand piano in black. 9 ft Early 20c. £1,200. 0171 8266802

HELPS PIANOS LTD Est 1895. Fine selection of Uprights & Grands for sale or hire with option to buy from only £20 per month. Traditional Piano restorers. UK delivery & service. Assoc. branches throughout London 0171 485 8042.

IANO SALE of new S/H & digital. Youngchang, Weber & Yamaha. Clavinova main dealer. Rental/ Purchase option. Free catalogue. The Piano Workshop, 30 Highgate Rd, London, NW5. 0171 267 7671 & 111 Ewell Rd, Surbiton, Surrey 0181 390 4110

IANO. 1989 Grotrian-Steinweg 225cms Grand, black. £24,950 01865 724382 (Oxford)

FOR SALE

MORNING SUITS
DINNER SUITS
EVENING TAIL SUITS
SURPLUS TO HIRE
LIPMAN & SONS -
West End Tel 0171 240 2310
22 Charing Cross Rd WC2
City Tel 0171 623 7721
156 Fenchurch St EC3

ROLEX Gold gentlemans. 10 yr old. £2,000 Cash only. Nicely kept. Call 0956 619881 Charles

THE BEATLES. Unique private Library of books (302 titles) on every aspect of the music, life and times of The Beatles. Excellent meticulous condition. Full details on request. Price £8,000. Tel 01263 577235

YORK, PENNANT, slate, limestone & terracotta flagstones & floor tiles. Cobble setts, stone troughs, masonry service. Nat & interpat del. Holley Hextall 01380 850039 (Wilts)

GIFTS

A BIRTHDATE Newspaper 1890-1994 in presentation folder £18.00 inc p&p. Newsreel your videos avail. Tel/Fax 01934-412844 9am 7 days.

A BIRTHDATE Newspaper. Original. Superbly presented. Freephone 0800 906609

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR WILL
If you are making your will please think of BLESMA. We care for all ex-service men and women who have lost limbs in the service of this country.
Enquiries to
The Chairman, British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association, c/o Midland Bank plc, 60 West Smithfield, London EC1A.

PETS & LIVESTOCK

LABRADOR Pedigree puppies for sale, 3 male yellow, 1 black male, 1 black female all on 20th Nov.95 ready now for good homes. Tel: 0171 607 4434.

SERVICES

ANCESTRY traced economically by experts. Write to Achievements (Est 1961), Northgate, Canterbury, CT1 1BA58. Fax: 01227 765617. Tel: 462618.

TUITION & COURSES

BRIDGE LESSONS from Harold Schogger N London's foremost teacher. New courses. Success guaranteed 0181 905 3877.

MATHS & FRENCH. Experienced tutors wanted at Common Entrance level nr Cirencester (weekends & holidays). Reply to Box No 2682

SPRECHEN Sie Deutsch? German lessons. Qualified teacher for in company and at home tuition. All levels - groups and one to one. Michael Askew 0181 346 0417.

WANTED

MINK COATS, fox coats purchased. Best price paid. All inquires/details to Box No 2600

HEALTH & BEAUTY

SHORT SIGHT?
The London Centre for Refractive Surgery
The UK's longest established refractive surgery centre gives you a choice of
DIAMOND or LASER
for the correction of myopia
and astigmatism
For a complimentary brochure, call:
0171-935 7723

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOY DOROTHY MOY Spinster late of Rhyl, Clwyd, died there on the 13th April 1994. (Estate about £35,000). The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to National Westminster Bank Plc, NatWest Investments, Chester Branch, Eden, Lakeside, Chester Business Park, Wrexham Road, CHESTER, CH4 9QT.

Good Health in Old Age
Help us to deliver the greatest gift of all
Every donation or legacy makes a difference
RESEARCH INTO AGEING
Improving the Quality of Later Life
DEPT TI, FREEPOST, LONDON EC1B 1AD
Registered Charity No. 277468

ANIMALS IN NEED
Please help us give compassionate care to abused and abandoned cats and dogs and those whose owners have died or are seriously ill. Our sanctuary provides daily forest walks for dogs, also a neutering service in the poorer city areas. We spay not slay.
Donations to:
WOODSIDE ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST, Elfordleigh, Plymouth PL7 5ED
(Reg Charity No 298788).

How near we are to the cure...
...depends on you.
LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH FUND
43 Great Ormond Street,
London WC1N 3JJ 071-405 0101
voluntary Branches throughout Britain

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES AND MARRIAGES etc
On Court Page £11.50 per line plus VAT
Court page announcements by post/fax to:
Mrs J-Neenan
Court & Social Advertising
Level 5, 1 Virginia Street
London E1 9BD
Tel: 0171 782 7347 Fax: 0171 481 9313
Please include in all correspondence: a signature of either one of the parties concerned or a parent, a daytime and your home telephone number and address
Advertisements for the Court Page must be submitted two working days prior to publication and are accepted subject to confirmation.

ON THIS DAY

January 13, 1905

This light-hearted report suggests no great confidence in the society's future, but half a century later, according to estimated figures in the Encyclopaedia Britannica, a quarter of a million people in 32 countries were using this best-known of artificial languages.

THE LONDON ESPERANTO CLUB

Sinjor' Di starigu,
Malamikojn pelu
Kaj faligu!
Pistu politikon
Venku friponajon,
Al ci ni konfidu;
Dio nin savu!

These verses are not a peculiar form of Rumanian, to which they bear a dim facial resemblance, but the second stanza of "God save the King" as he rendered in the last and perhaps the most rational of the universal languages, which are to turn the Tower of Babel upside down, and we must say that "Sinjor' Dio" and "frioponajon" (knavish tricks) greatly arride us. They were performed at the "Dua Esperantista Jarkumveno", otherwise the second annual meeting of the London Esperanto Club, at Essex-hall, last night . . .

The club has over £50 in the bank, and is going to contribute two of them to the international meeting of Esperantists to be held at Boulogne from August 3 to August 13, the whole of which you can attend for two francs ("du frankoj").

The entertainment consisted of diverse performances in Esperanto, includinig three items from a recent translation of *The Tempest* by Mr. Motteau, the most zealous contributor being Miss Schäfer who appeared successively as reciter, quartettist, soloist, and actress. "Tono Lumpkino" was a prominent performer in one of the selections along with Sinjoro Hardknstello. There was a bit from *Henry IV*, the address to sleep, "Ho dormo", and there was to have been a coon song "Amerika 'Coon' Lulu ho cara Lulilu", the transalation of which we leave to the intelligence of our readers, but to our intense grief it was omitted.

In some ways Esperanto is a most annoying language. For one thing it has no exceptions. Now a language without exceptions is like a human being without faults, a sort of prig among languages. Again, all the terminations are standardized, and all the accents are on the penultimate. The result is monotony, as was evidenced by the speeches and songs last night. But there is no doubt about the enthusiasm of this body of Esperantists ("ne estas dubio de la entusiasmo de tui Esperantistoj") and we hope they will keep it up, "kai ni esperos ko ili keepos it up"). How easy the language is to learn is shown by the amount we seem to have picked up since we started writing this article.

STH

THE TIMES TODAY

SATURDAY JANUARY 13 1996

NEWS

Thatcher fails to unnerve Major

■ John Major responded to Baroness Thatcher's broadside against his Government by telling her that he would not be budged from the course on which he had embarked. Rejecting her calls for a more right-wing agenda and her assault on One Nation Toryism, he said: "I will not be pushed off what I believe to be right"........ **Page 1**

Ministers to flout EU game law

■ Ministers are set to defy a new European Union regulation that would wreak havoc on the shooting of game birds such as pheasant and partridge. Landowners will breathe a sigh of relief after the Government indicated that it will not enforce a ban on a drug that prevents wasting diseases in game birds........ **Page 1**

Drug appeal

Helen Cousins, who won a fight for life after taking Ecstasy, asked young people to avoid a "a dance with death"........ **Page 1**

'Stalker' cleared

Bernard Quinn, the obsessive stalker of the Princess Royal, was cleared of the charge that a breach of the peace was likely to be occasioned by him .... **Page 1**

Battle of Newbury

The Battle of Newbury began when the police arrested 34 bypass protesters and contractors felled more than 300 trees ....**Pages 1, 7**

Euro-sceptic anger

Tory Euro-sceptics were furious after the Government decided to sign up again with the European Court of Human Rights .... **Page 2**

Laser lifesaver

A laser gun treatment for coronary disease that involves shooting holes in the heart is being introduced to the NHS .... **Page 6**

Last laugh

Politicians, royals and other celebrities are bracing themselves for a final savaging from the puppets of *Spitting Image*, the longest-running satirical TV show ....**Page 9**

Mineshaft graves

Allegations that up to 8,000 bodies may be buried in mineshafts in Bosnia guarded by Serb soldiers have been passed to the UN war crimes tribunal........ **Page 10**

Hostage offer

Two Russian politicians said that they would volunteer to be hostages under demands made by the gunmen holding hostages on the Chechen border........**Page 11**

Clinton defiance

Hillary Clinton flatly denied the various allegations that are threatening to engulf her........ **Page 13**

Defending buffalo

American Indians have gone to court to try to stop a buffalo hunt in New Mexico........ **Page 14**

Morocco awaits its 'magnificent man'

■ Marrakesh was full of hot air but none of it was in Richard Branson's balloon. The millionaire adventurer postponed his arrival in Morocco for 72 hours but that did not stop the build up of publicity and a carnival atmosphere for the start of his round-the-world balloon flight attempt........ **Page 3**

STEVE HILL

Finalists for the BBC Young Musicians of the Year competition practising yesterday in Birmingham

OPINION

A greedy bird: John Major is the only political leader of a major European country able *to predict that people's disposable incomes will rise this year and that unemployment will go on falling*...... **Page 21**

Up and away: In spite of their astonishing modern technology the balloonists are still fulfilling man's old dream, to win, to circumnavigate the globe, to fly........ **Page 21**

THE PAPERS

Mr Clinton proved that presidents are generally better off for these extended encounters with the press

— *Washington Post*

Whatever the reasons for the President's trip to Bosnia, it is unlikely it will be very uplifting — *Washington Times*

COLUMNS

Simon Jenkins: I have the words in my notebook: "He is gold, pure gold." The words were Lady Thatcher's of John Major........ **Page 20**

Roger Scruton: She was uttering what would be recognised as the philosophy of conservatism by anyone who had bothered to read the Tory classics........ **Page 20**

OBITUARIES

Lawrence Neal, chairman of Daniel Neal & Sons, 1939-63; **Eric Hebborn**, art forger; **Sir Harold Bailey**, Professor of Sanskrit at Cambridge University, 1938-67........ **Page 23**

LETTERS

Sir John Nott on the Thatcher speech; stakeholder society; hell........ **Page 21**

British Gas: The company is committed to re-negotiating the £40 billion of take-or-pay contracts with North Sea gas producers........ **Page 25**

Electricity: One of the directors of Manweb, who shared a controversial £4 million pay-off after being taken over, has found another job in the industry........ **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 2.4 to 3657.3. Sterling's index rose from 83.0 to 83.3 after a rise from $1.5440 to $1.5472 and from DM2.2212 to DM2.2291........ **Page 28**

Art for all: Recession has made dealers more anxious to woo ordinary buyers; Richard Morrison on why talent is often smothered ... **Page 17**

Football: All five leading contenders to succeed Terry Venables as England coach have announced that they do not want the post........ **Page 48**

Cricket: Dickie Bird, who has umpired more Tests than anyone else, will stand in his last one at Lord's in June........ **Page 48**

Rugby union: Harlequins announced a three-year sponsorship by NEC, the Japanese communications company. Dancing girls will be a feature of games........ **Page 48**

Tennis: Greg Rusedski, the British No 1, has been drawn against Boris Becker in the Australian Open........ **Page 42**

100 years of British: Looking back and on the road ahead.

SATURDAY TIMES

MAGAZINE

Cheese is murder: The truth about meat-eating is unsettling but then so is dairy production........ **Page 8**

Julian Barnes: Christopher Hawtree talks to him about *his latest novel*........ **Page 18**

Jane MacQuitty: That alcoholic lemonade........ **Page 47**

WEEKEND

Elizabeth's story: A royal marriage — the first part of Sarah Bradford's portrait of the Queen........ **Pages 1-5**

Travel: Newlywed in the Caribbean; Turkish simplicity; Disney's America. **Pages 5-11**

Books: French intelligence; Dodie Smith; a publishing entrepreneur ..... **Pages 12, 13**

10 15

The weekly magazine for young Times readers

Keep on Trekkin': happy birthday to one of the world's most popular science fiction series........ **Page 6**

Win: Sony PlayStations, tickets to *Dangerous Minds*, the *Now 32* album........ **Page 3**

Recommended: TV, music, books and films .... **Page 10**

VISION

The seven-day guide to television and radio

Cover story: Aretha Franklin, Mahalia Jackson and Rosetta Tharpe illuminate the history of gospel in *Omnibus*, Monday, BBC1, 10.40pm

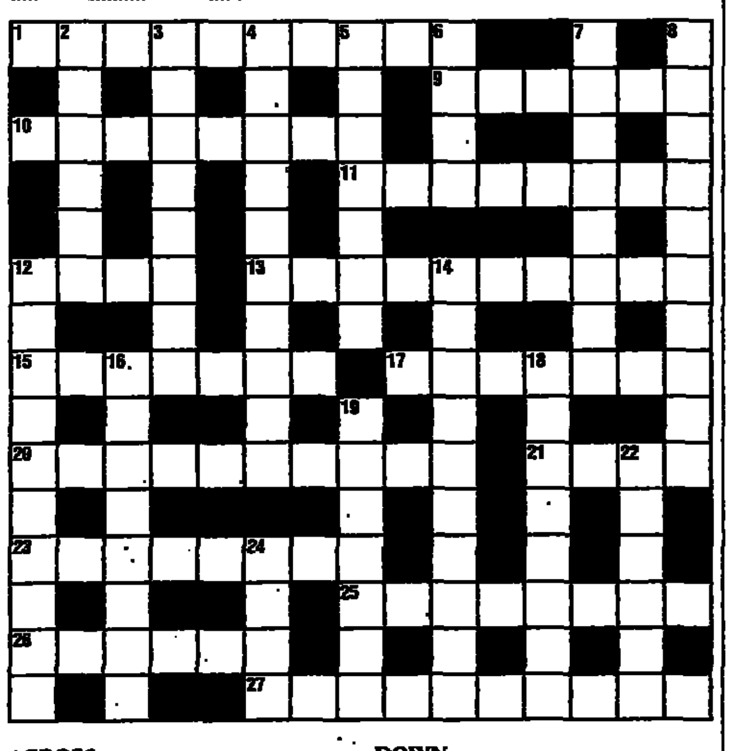
The House: A year in the life of the Royal Opera House begins on Tuesday, BBC2, 9.30pm

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,063

ABERLOUR

A limited edition, 1970 vintage bottle of Aberlour single malt whisky, the only malt whisky to have twice won the prestigious Gold Medal and Pot Still Trophy at the International Wine & Spirit Competition, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Name/Address ....



ACROSS

1 Wall socket for a juice extractor (5,5).
9 Loose overcoat's woolly rustle (6).
10 Pisa, associated with nice original Roman baths (8).
11 Physician fighting onset of malaria, with moderate temperature (8).
12 That woman, first of all among the gods (4).
13 Crazy family that's likely to cause an upset (6,4).
15 Inquisitive about, say, a bouquet (7).
17 Congenial Russian relations (7).
20 Invest in gripping film (6-4).
21 Remaining on top (4).
23 Fugitive has to smuggle gem (8).
25 Keep principal reserves at home (8).
26 Etcher with an eye for an opening (6).
27 Small jumper found in old tee-box? (4-6).

DOWN

2 Tranquilliser one swallowed is holding up work (6).
3 Amplify output from a celesta (8).
4 Early collectable item girl put on jet (5,5).
5 Country importing one hundred antelope (7).
6 Gather food (4).
7 Assailant with access to the king (8).
8 Concert-goer who likes being at the front? (10).
12 Horse with resilience in gymnastic feat (10).
14 Secure with language? Women have it at their fingertips (4,6).
16 Local journalist stumped by impostor (8).
18 Sliced bread poorest could possibly afford, under a penny once (8).
19 Privileged chap not subject to tax on island (7).
22 Remove from duty (6).
24 The ones that win in court (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,057

B	E	S	E	T		M	A	T	C	H	L	E	S	S
U		O		H		A		O		A		N		M
T	A	L	K	I	N	G	T	O		R	O	G	U	E
T		A		G		E		L		S		R		A
E	A	R	T	H		N	E	I	G	H	B	O	U	R
R				B		T		N				S		
C	R	E	M	O	N	A		G	L	A	S	S	E	S
U		N		N						P		E		U
P	I	G	M	E	N	T		C	Z	A	R	D	A	S
		R				R		A		R				P
S	T	A	N	D	D	O	W	N		T	H	R	O	E
L		V		W		D		O		H		O		N
A	L	I	V	E		D	E	P	R	E	S	S	E	D
S		N		L		E		U		I		I		E
H	I	G	H	L	A	N	D	S		D	I	N	A	R

Solution to Puzzle No 20,062

A	C	C	U	S	T	O	M		M	O	R	A	S	S
	L		P		I		O		I			V		T
D	A	M	P	E	N		N	O	S	T	R	O	M	O
	M		E		S		E		N			C		N
C	O	U	R	T	E	S	Y		O	R	N	A	T	E
	U		H		L		F		M			D		D
T	R	I	A	D		D	O	V	E	R	S	O	L	E
A			N		E		R		R		A			A
P	E	N	D	R	A	G	O	N		Q	U	A	F	F
D		O			S		L		S		T		A	
A	L	M	O	S	T		D	U	C	H	E	S	S	E
N		I			E		R		R		R		H	
C	O	N	C	E	R	T	O		A	E	N	E	I	D
E		E			L		P		P		E		O	
R	H	E	U	M	Y		E	V	E	N	S	O	N	G

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: *J S Wills, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire; J D Dixon, Sheffield; E Wright, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria; D T Bentham, Scarborough, North Yorkshire; J Freeman, Altrincham, Cheshire.*

TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0891 500 followed by the code.

Greater London	701
Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702
Dorset,Hants & IOW	703
Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilts,Gloucs,Avon,Soms	705
Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops,Herefds & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716
W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

Weathercall is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic/roadworks information, 24 hours a day, dial 0336 401 followed by the code.

London & SE traffic, roadworks	
Area within M25	731
Essex/Herts/Beds/Bucks/Berks/Oxon	732
Kent/Surrey/Sussex/Hants	734
M25 London Orbital only	736
National traffic and roadworks	
National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

AA Roadwatch is charged at 39p per minute (cheap rate) and 49p per minute all other times.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY

Sun rises: 8.02 am — Sun sets: 4 17pm

Moon sets: 10.59 am — Moon rises: —

Last quarter today

London 4 17 pm to 8.01 am
Bristol 4.27 pm to 8 10 am
Edinburgh 4 06 pm to 8 38 am
Manchester 4 16 pm to 8 19 am
Penzance 4 44 pm to 8 17 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 8.01 am — Sun sets: 4 18 pm

Moon sets: 11.27 am — Moon rises: 12.53 am

New Moon January 20

London 4.18 pm to 8.00 am
Bristol 4.28 pm to 8.10 am
Edinburgh 4.08 pm to 8.35 am
Manchester 4 17 pm to 8 18 am
Penzance 4 46 pm to 8 16 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5:54	6 54	6:39	6.53
Aberdeen	6:01	3 71	6:13	3 82
Avonmouth	11.25	11.19	11.49	10.83
Belfast	3·17	3.08	3 45	3.38
Cardiff	11·12	10 44	11·43	9.91
Devonport	10·03	4 79	10 32	4.57
Dover	3·04	6 01	3·27	5.78
Dublin	4 11	3.45	4·38	3.59
Falmouth	9·22	4.51	9·52	4.25
Glasgow	5:28	3.97	5:40	4.41
Harwich	3:50	3 65	4·24	3 55
Holyhead	2·39	4 75	2.57	4.85
Hull	10:44	6.40	10:59	6.55
Ilfracombe	10:20	7.87	10·50	7.55
King's Lynn	10·53	5.51	11 19	5.60
Leith	7:18	4.77	7·36	4 74
Liverpool	3·25	8.13	3·42	8.13
Lowestoft	1:34	2 39	11·53	2.07
Margate	4:01	4.36	4·38	4 12
Milford Haven	10·40	5.92	11·07	5.63
Newquay	9·39	5 72	10 10	5.47
Oban	8:51	3.45	10·28	3 18
Penzance	9:05	4 88	9·37	4.62
Portland	10·37	1.65	11:18	1.52
Portsmouth	3:33	4.33	3·45	4.09
Shoreham	3:14	5.54	3·34	5 35
Southampton	3·04	4 18	3·21	4 03
Swansea	10:41	7.98	11.12	7.67
Tees	8·27	4 49	8·36	4.62
W'lton-on-Nze	3.50	3.89	4·29	3.80

Crown copyright reserved All tide times are GMT

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall; Isles of Scilly, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Camborne, Cornwall, 1 in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, Western Isles, 3.7hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start cloudy and mainly dry but rain will spread into Cornwall during this morning, then on to northwest and western England and Wales by this evening. In the east it should stay dry, and in places there could be some sunshine as well. Northern Ireland will turn wet for a time this afternoon. After early rain in eastern Scotland, further rain will reach the west later.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, Central N, NE England:** *mainly dry, some brief* sunny intervals. Wind South to Southwest moderate to fresh. Mild. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **W Midlands, NW England, Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney:** cloudy and mainly dry, becoming wet in the evening. Wind southwest, becoming south moderate to fresh. Max 11C (52F).

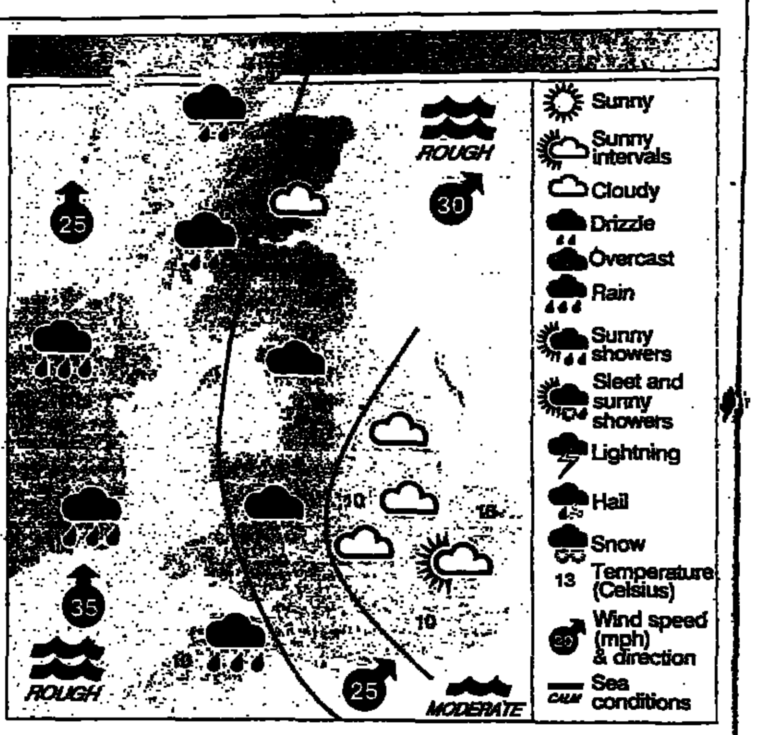
☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man, SW Scotland:** dry at first, rain later. Wind south fresh to strong. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** *dry at first, rain* later. Wind light and variable, becoming south moderate to fresh. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Shetland:** rain at first, dry later. Wind southeast strong, becoming southwest fresh. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **N Ireland:** after a dry start rain, then dry again later. Wind southwest moderate, becoming south moderate to fresh. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain is expected to remain in western districts, while the east is cloudy but mainly dry.



AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

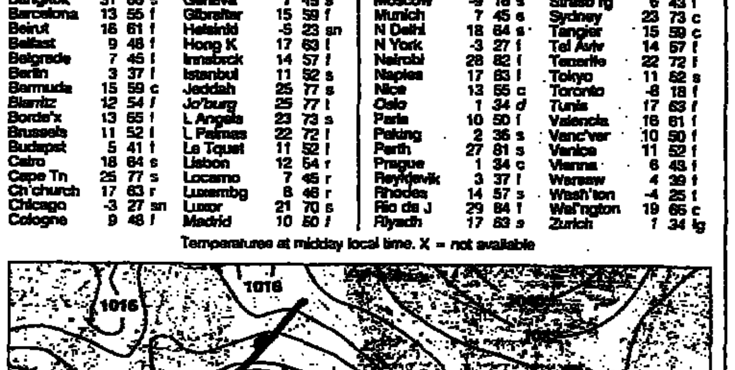
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.07	7	45	r
Anglesey	-	0 04	9	48	r
Aspatria	-	-	8	46	r
Aviemore	-	0.08	7	45	sh
Belfast	-	0.10	8	46	r
Birmingham	-	0.07	8	46	r
Bognor R	-	0.08	9	48	r
Bournem'th	-	0.15	10	50	sh
Bristol	-	0.08	11	52	r
Buxton	-	0 08	6	43	r
Cardiff	-	0.11	9	48	r
Colwyn Bay	X				
Cromer	-	0 03	8	45	c
East Coast					
Eastbourne	-	0 02	10	50	du
Edinburgh	-	-	9	48	d
Eskdalemuir	-	0 05	6	43	r
Exmouth	-	0.33	11	52	r
Falmouth	3.5	0 35	12	54	s
Fishguard	-	0 17	9	48	r
Folkestone	0.3	0 06	9	48	r
Glasgow	-	-	9	48	r
Guernsey	-	0.30	12	54	sh
Hastings	-	0 07	9	48	c
Hayling I.	-	0.07	9	48	r
Herne Bay	-	0.07	9	48	r
Hove	-	-	10	50	sh
Hunstanton	0.2	-	9	48	c
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	-	0 08	8	46	r
Jersey	0.2	0 11	10	50	sh
Kinloss	0.3	-	8	46	r
Leeds	-	0 02	8	46	r
Lerwick	-	0 08	7	45	r
Leuchars	-	-	7	45	r
Littlehmptn	-	0 07	10	50	r
Liverpool	-	0.02	8	46	r
London	-	0.02	10	50	r
Lowestoft	0.2	0.09	8	46	r
Manchester	-	0.01	9	48	r
Margate	-	0.06	9	48	r
Minehead	0 1	0.30	11	52	r
Morecambe	-	0.03	8	46	r
Newcastle	X				
Newquay	2.2	0.71	12	54	sh
Norwich	-	0.02	9	48	c
Nottingham	X				
Oxford	-	0.06	9	48	r
Penzance	2.7	0.80	13	55	gS
Plymouth	X				
Poole	-	0.10	10	50	r
Prestatyn	X	0.02	9	48	du
Ross-o-wye	-	0.33	9	48	r
Salcombe	X				
Sandown	-	0.02	9	48	sh
Saunton Snd	1.5	0.17	11	52	s
Scarboro'	X				
Shanklin	X				
Shrewsbury	-	0.04	8	46	r
Skegness	X				
Southend	0.1	0.03	8	46	sh
Southsea	-	0 08	9	48	sh
St. Ives	X				
Stornoway	3.7	0.02	8	46	b
Swanage	-	0.09	10	50	sh
Teignmouth	0.3	0.48	12	54	r
Tiree	-	0.02	9	48	r
Torquay	0.2	0.50	12	54	r
Ventnor	-	0.03	9	48	d
West-s-mare	X				
Weymouth	-	0.13	11	52	r

These are yesterday's figures

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	f
Akrotiri	16	61	s
Alex'dria	17	63	s
Algiers	16	61	f
Amst'dm	10	50	s
Athens	13	55	f
B Aires	21	70	r
Bahrain	17	63	c
Bangkok	31	88	s
Barcelona	13	55	f
Beirut	16	61	f
Belfast	9	48	f
Belgrade	7	45	f
Berlin	3	37	f
Bermuda	15	59	c
Biarritz	12	54	f
Borde'x	13	55	f
Brussels	11	52	f
Budapest	5	41	f
Cairo	18	64	s
Cape Tn	25	77	s
Ch'church	17	63	r
Chicago	-3	27	sn
Cologne	9	48	f
Corfu	13	55	f
C'phagn	2	36	c
Dublin	9	48	f
Dubrovnik	12	54	f
Faro	13	55	c
Florence	17	63	f
Frankfurt	5	41	s
Funchal	18	64	f
Geneva	7	45	s
Gibraltar	15	59	f
Helsinki	-5	23	sn
Hong K	17	63	f
Innsbrck	14	57	f
Istanbul	11	52	s
Jeddah	25	77	s
Jo'burg	25	77	f
L Angels	23	73	s
L Palmas	22	72	f
Le Touqt	11	52	f
Lisbon	12	54	r
Locarno	7	45	r
Luxembg	8	46	r
Luxor	21	70	s
Madrid	10	50	f
Majorca	14	57	f
Malaga	14	57	f
Malta	17	63	s
Melb'rne	19	66	c
Mexico C	18	64	s
Miami	22	72	s
Milan	8	46	r
Montreal	-15	5	-
Moscow	-9	16	s
Munich	7	45	s
N Delhi	18	64	s
N York	-3	27	f
Nairobi	28	82	f
Naples	17	63	f
Nice	13	55	c
Oslo	1	34	d
Paris	10	50	f
Peking	2	36	s
Perth	27	81	s
Prague	1	34	c
Reykjavik	3	37	f
Rhodes	14	57	s
Rio de J	29	84	f
Riyadh	17	63	s
Rome	18	64	f
S Fr'isco	11	52	s
S Paulo	30	86	c
Salzburg	2	36	s
Santiago	25	77	s
Seoul	8	46	s
Sing'por	29	84	f
St'kholm	0	32	d
Strasb'rg	6	43	f
Sydney	23	73	c
Tangier	15	59	c
Tel Aviv	14	57	f
Tenerife	22	72	f
Tokyo	11	52	s
Toronto	-8	18	f
Tunis	17	63	f
Valencia	16	61	f
Vanc'ver	10	50	f
Venice	11	52	f
Vienna	6	43	f
Warsaw	4	39	f
Wash'ton	-4	25	f
Wel'ngton	19	66	c
Zurich	1	34	fg

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart above from noon: high N will glide east and decline; low Z will fill and sink south while low I fills in situ; low G will fill and drift south

TORONTO OR NEW YORK

BA 747 from Heathrow to Toronto on 23 May, 11 Aug, 30 Aug or 14 Sep. ● five nights at the deluxe Sheraton ● city tour ● harbour cruise ● Niagara with helicopter ● Phantom of the Opera ● Concorde to Heathrow £1,999 or £2,999 with O.E. and QE2 cruise to New York

Concorde from Heathrow to New York almost any day ● four nights at Sheraton ● BA747 return £2,499

MONACO GRAND PRIX

Eurostar or fly to Paris on 18 May ● city tour ● overnight at Nikko Hotel ● Concorde supersonic to Nice ● reserved seat for Monaco Grand Prix ● return to Gatwick £1,299

QE2 AND ORIENT- EXPRESS

Orient-Express to Southampton on 14 April ● three night QE2 cruise to Tenerife ● Concorde to Heathrow £1,299

Orient-Express to Southampton on 8 May ● five night QE2 cruise to Barcelona via Ibiza and Marseille ● *Concorde* supersonic to *Heathrow* £1,499

Concorde supersonic to Brussels on 21 June ● two night QE2 cruise to Southampton via Le Havre (for Paris) ● Orient-Express to Victoria £1,699

Concorde to Reykjavik on 8 July ● nine night QE2 Land of the Midnight Sun cruise to the Norwegian Fjords ● Orient-Express from Southampton to Victoria £2,499

BRUNO v. TYSON

767 from Luton or Gatwick to Las Vegas on 11 March ● seven nights at first class hotel ● optional tours ● reserved seat £699 or £1,499 Ringside

For our full colour brochure, please telephone:

0181-992 6991

or write to

SUPERLATIVE TRAVEL

43, Woodhurst Road, London, W3 6SS

ABTA V 1484

©TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, 1996. Published and printed and licensed for distribution in electronic and all other derivative forms by Times Newspapers Ltd, PO Box 495, Virginia Street, London E1 9XY, telephone 0171-782 5000 and also printed at Kirkby Road, Prescot, Merseyside, L34 9HN, telephone 0151-546 2000. Saturday, January 13, 1996. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office.

هكذا من الأصل

MELVYN MARCKUS 26

Our City Editor shoots the breeze about Granada

WORKING WEEK 27

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Concocting a knockout brew amid the chaos

SPORT 42-48

Net improvement brings fresh hope for Henman

THE HIDDEN ASSETS OF WHITBREAD
Page 27

THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

SATURDAY JANUARY 13 1996

Dismissal threat to sale of Gartmore

By Robert Miller

THE chairman of Banque Indosuez, one of France's leading investment houses and the owner of Gartmore, the British fund management group, will be dismissed on Monday after a meeting of the bank's board to confirm the decision.

Sources in Paris said yesterday that the sacking of Jean-François Lepetit, the chairman of Banque Indosuez, could lead to an urgent review of Banque Indosuez's decision to sell Gartmore, in which it has a 75 per cent stake.

M Lepetit, who has just completed a six-month review of the bank's strategy with McKinsey, the management consultants, will be replaced by Christian Maurin, chairman of Banque Sofinco, an Indosuez subsidiary.

It is understood that Banque Indosuez, which will shortly unveil losses well in excess of £100 million, is discussing compensation terms with M Lepetit for his loss of office, which includes leaving the main board of Gartmore.

The French bank, which accrued the "significant" losses from loans to, and direct investment in, properties in Paris, is soon to ringfence all its considerable property debts into Cradi-Suez, another subsidiary.

The imminent departure of M Lepetit from Banque Indosuez, which is wholly owned by Compagnie de Suez, has held up the sale of the bank's stake in Gartmore, which has £25 billion of funds invested in a range of unit trusts, pension schemes and 11 investment trusts. A source in Paris said that the whole group was suffering from a complete lack of direction and that rather than address the problems, the senior management had turned in on itself, which led to the departure of the chairman.

Banque Indosuez put its Gartmore stake up for sale last September and immediately sparked a flurry of interest from British and European banks and finance houses.

One of the earliest bidders was BAT Industries, the tobacco-to-financial services group, while Dresdner, the German bank, was also rumoured to be in the running. BAT was said to be very keen to add Gartmore to its stable of financial services companies which include household names such as Allied Dunbar, Eagle Star and Threadneedle Asset Management.

In the past month, however, the list of buyers for Gartmore has narrowed to two European houses.

The one most frequently cited is Bankgesellschaft Berlin, the state-owned German bank, which was rumoured to have tabled a bid worth more than £500 million. The German bank could enter into a joint deal with the US NationsBank, which has an option to buy 25 per cent of Gartmore's shares. NationsBank and Gartmore already have a 50/50 Nations Gartmore venture in the US. The identity of the second European bidder is unknown.

Last August Gartmore annnounced that interim profits in the six months to June 30 fell by more than £1 million to £16.2 million and held the halfway dividend at 1.75p. The group said that a heavy investment programme in staff and computer systems more than offset additional fees earned from the extra £1.3 billion increase in new funds.

Paul Myners, chairman of Gartmore, said last night: "I can neither confirm nor deny any of the speculation. I cannot comment." On the stock exchange, Gartmore's shares closed last night unchanged on the day at 269p.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FT-SE 100	3657.6	(+2.4)
Yield	3.93%	
FT-SE A All share	1793.42	(+1.93)
Nikkei	20287.42	(-90.50)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5025.72	(-39.38)*
S&P Composite	597.83	(-4.86)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	5⅝%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	109 9/16*	(109¾)
Yield	6.18%*	(6.15%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	6 17/32*	(6 15/16%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	110 17/32	(110 9/32)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.5490*	(1.5440)
London:		
$	1.5495	(1.5439)
DM	2.2314	(2.2221)
FFr	7.6500	(7.6290)
SFr	1.7965	(1.7923)
Yen	162.85	(161.76)
£ Index	83.3	(83.0)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.4400*	(1.4417)
FFr	4.9365*	(4.9477)
SFr	1.1607*	(1.1618)
Yen	105.11*	(104.90)
$ Index	94.6	(94.5)
Tokyo close Yen 105.30		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Mar)	$16.90	($17.40)
GOLD		
London close	$399.35	($398.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Midland deal

Midland Bank has become the latest of the high street banks and building societies to own a fully independent life business after buying out a former joint venture partner. Midland bought Commercial Union's remaining 20 per cent stake in Midland Life for £50 million yesterday. Page 26

MARTIN BEDDALL

The hat fits: Anita Roddick, founder and chief executive of Body Shop International, the natural beauty products retailer, received an honorary doctorate from Kingston University, Surrey, in a ceremony held at the Barbican Centre in London yesterday

SE gives three options for automated trading plan

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

THE Stock Exchange has put forward three options for the introduction of fully automated trading services in August this year. It has given its 350 members and other market participants until February 17 to respond to a consultation paper seeking their responses to the three options.

They are: replacing the current system with an electronic order-matching system for trading all shares, with a separate "upstairs" system of trading unusually large blocks of shares; having an order book for some shares and continuing the current quote-driven system for others; or trying to accommodate both with a split-screen or hybrid approach so that there is an order-matching system on one screen and a quote-driven system on another.

Institutional investors and market-makers are divided over the options. Institutions have been pushing the exchange to introduce a choice of systems and would tend to favour the third approach.

However, market-makers say it would be unworkable. Most have dropped their objections to the idea of an order-matching system, but say market-makers would not wish to expose themselves by quoting prices on one screen, whereby they put large amounts of capital at risk, if there was an order-matching system on the other.

Once the consultation process has closed, a steering committee chaired by John Kemp-Welch, chairman of the exchange, will make a recommendation to the board by March 21.

It is possible that the implementation of order-matching could be delayed beyond the Exchange's timetable of August 27, if market-makers are not ready. Giles Vardey, director of markets development at the exchange, said that changes were not being imposed on the market, "part of the motivation for bringing in these changes is to reflect what changes are already occurring".

Mr Vardey reiterated the exchange's commitment to the policies established by Michael Lawrence, who was sacked as chief executive nine days ago.

British Gas takes stand on contracts

By Ross Tieman
Industrial correspondent

BRITISH GAS last night insisted that it remains committed to renegotiating its £40 billion of take-or-pay contracts with North Sea gas producers and dismissed suggestions that it was likely to seek bank support for a bailout scheme.

Although the Government may take powers to impose a levy on Britain's 18 million household gas users if North Sea producers cannot be persuaded to renegotiate high-priced contracts with British Gas, ministers are clearly anxious to avoid any new burden on consumers.

If the full liability under the take-or-pay contracts, estimated at £1.14 billion, was passed on, customers could face an average additional charge of £63.33 on their bill. British Gas has provided only £83 million against any liabilities.

The levy proposal, described as an "insurance policy" by the Department of Trade and Industry, could be needed if the Government is obliged to intervene. It would enable the DTI to share the cost of remodelling the contracts between producers, the company losing the monopoly, and domestic consumers, as happened during a similar transition in Canada.

Under the Canadian Take-or-Pay Gas (TOPGas) scheme, a panel of banks loaned money to enable the supply company to buy out part of the contracts.

A British Gas spokeswoman insisted that while several alternative strategies have been reviewed, the company remained determined to negotiate price cuts with gas producers.

"We are deadly serious about this," she said. "We would hardly have recruited Ken Gardener, one of the best negotiators in the business, if we were otherwise." And she added: "We have certainly not been talking to banks."

WEEKEND MONEY

31
Anne Ashworth on the Woolwich flotation

INVESTMENT

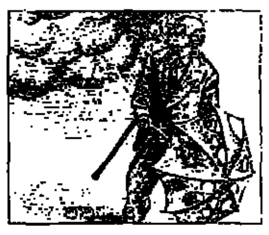
29
With-profit bonuses. Say goodbye to the good times

SAVINGS

33
Start work and start saving. The advice of the experts

PENSIONS

34-35
Holes in the regulatory umbrella



INVESTMENT 2

37
Low point for US high technology stocks

Invest in European privatisations with no dealing charges for 1996

Many exciting investment opportunities are presented by privatisation share issues.

The Mercury European Privatisation Trust offers you easy access to privatisation opportunities, both in Europe and the UK. Such potential is highly attractive yet usually hard for UK investors to access directly.

Apply Now

Shares in the Trust are currently priced at a discount to their net asset value. You can invest in the Trust from as little as £75 per month. And, as an added bonus, we are waiving our dealing charges on monthly contributions until the end of 1996, provided you apply by 31st March 1996.

To find out more, contact your financial adviser, call us now or return the coupon.

☎ Freephone 0500 0500 66

To. Mercury Asset Management plc. FREEPOST, London EC4B 4DQ. Please send me details of the Mercury Investment Trust Savings Plan, investing in Mercury European Privatisation Trust plc.

Surname
First name Title
Address
Postcode

TMSP03/06

MERCURY
ASSET MANAGEMENT
BRITAIN'S LEADING INVESTMENT HOUSE

The value of shares and income from them can fluctuate and are not guaranteed. You may not get back the amount you invest. For your protection, telephone calls are usually recorded. ■ We will not disclose any of your details outside Mercury. Its associated companies and agents. We may write to tell you about other Group products; if you would prefer not to receive such details, please write to us ■ Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Issued by Mercury Asset Management plc. 33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS. Regulated by IMRO.

Pensions review rethink

By Robert Miller

THE senior City watchdog in charge of the £4 billion personal pensions mis-selling review has backed down under pressure from professional risk insurers who underwrite policies that pay compensation to victims.

The Personal Investment Authority (PIA), the regulator for firms that sell direct to the public, yesterday confirmed that letters to 100,000 investors who may have been wrongly advised by independent financial advisers will not say that they are entitled to redress and will have the word "compensation" removed. Investors will now have to actively seek a review of their cases rather than be granted one automatically.

Professional indemnity (PI) insurers have consistently refused to allow independent financial advisers (IFAs) covered by their policies to participate in the review of personal pensions mis-selling as laid down by the PIA because they claimed investors were being invited to claim compensation.

Before yesterday's accord, the PIA was preparing to levy £250 administrative fines on IFAs who refused to take part in the review. Now an amnesty has been declared while advisers initiate their part in the review process.

It has been estimated that 100,000 of the 400,000 urgent cases of alleged mis-selling were sold by IFAs. The regulator denied that the deal with PI insurers was a climbdown.

Swalec job for ex-Manweb chief

By George Sivell

ONE of the directors of Manweb, who shared a controversial £4 million pay-off after being taken over, has found another job in the electricity industry.

Welsh Water is to appoint John Roberts as chief executive of South Wales Electricity if Welsh Water's bid for Swalec is succesful. The bid is being examined by regulators of the water and electricity industries. He will also become a director of Welsh Water if the bid succeeds.

Mr Roberts was one of six executive and three non-executive directors who shared a package of £4 million when ScottishPower won a closely fought takeover battle for Manweb in October last year.

Mr Roberts was Manweb chief executive from 1992 until the takeover by ScottishPower and was paid £170,000 a year on a two-year rolling contract. Compensation on salary alone would have been £340,000 and he is understood to have had £164,000 of options.

Roberts: shared £4 million

Forte says bid sets up tax pitfall

FORTE yesterday claimed that Granada's £3.8 billion bid would lead to big tax disadvantages for Forte shareholders and any combined company (Alasdair Murray writes).

Forte argues that shareholders will not be entitled to tax relief on the 47p special dividend proposed by Granada. This will mean tax-exempt investors and pension funds losing 12p a share, or up to £100 million in total.

Forte cites tax experts' advice that Granada's revised offer differs from special dividends in utility bids last year by letting shareholders choose the dividend or a lower cash offer. Forte says that the Inland Revenue will apply anti-avoidance law and restrict the tax credit.

Forte also says Granada has misjudged the tax position on its proposed disposals and that Granada will be liable for tax of £400 million from the estimated £1.1 billion sale of Forte assets.

Granada rejected Forte's claims, saying that even correct they would affect Forte's own proposed share buy-back.

Melvyn Marckus, page 26
Working Week, page 27
Tempus, page 28

Bollinger, Granada and Hegel

MELVYN
MARCKUS

◆

Let me tell you about a pal of mine called Nicky Rossini. Nicky and I go back a decade or so but, that said, what I know about Nicky's business interests you could stick in your eye and you wouldn't notice. Nicky spent a spell at Harvard but you wouldn't notice that either because mostly he likes to adopt a low-key style. Nicky likes people to underestimate him. From time to time, Nicky blows into town and we take a glass. Last week was such a week and I found Nicky in a Knightsbridge hotel seated alongside a black leather bar sipping a glass of Bollinger.

Nicky, wearing a suntan that never came out of a health club and a suit that never came out of a multiple, grins and tells me I look pale.

I tell him paleness goes with the territory. We sip some Bollinger, wisecrack, eye the Knightsbridge Rangers, and then, all of a sudden, Nicky slings me a long look. "So what's with this Granada/Forte show?"

MM: "The show's coming to an end, Nicky. It's up to the institutions."

Nicky: "The institutions usually get takeovers wrong. The irony is that pension funds and life insurance companies should be the ultimate exponents of the long-term game. You tell me, what's more long term than maximising a pension fund? Building a business, maybe, but the institutions forget that too. What the institutions never seem to catch on to is that if a guy offers you a couple of bucks for an asset valued at a dollar-fifty he probably reckons it's worth three before he sweats it. What the pension funds should do is ensure the assets sweat. Take that Blackberry report I read about.

MM: "The Greenbury report."

Nicky: "Yeah. Now one of the things Greenbury said, sort of between the lines, was how the institutions preferred to influence corporate governance matters behind the scenes. That's fine, but how the hell do the institutions think they are going to influence industrialists if everyone knows that all it takes is a lollipop to be shoved into a fund manager's mouth for the company to be sold down the river?"

MM: "Are you suggesting, Nicky, that this is not a deal made in heaven?"

Nicky laughs, calls for a refill.

Nicky: "Look. Forte was undervalued, it's as simple as that. I have never met the Fortes but you know what Italians are like. A lot of style but they're not flash, they don't wear it on the cuff. Milan isn't like LA; it's all wrought iron gates and shutters. You can't peer into people's homes in northern Italy. This is all to do with the Italian psyche which I will not bore you with. Forte was undervalued but is that a sin? Would you rather have your pension fund full of undervalued shares or overvalued shares? What Forte put together with Little Chef, Happy Eater and Welcome Break was a brand name monopoly in roadside catering. Monopoly is a sensitive word but that is what any businessman with an ounce of savvy dreams about. Granada hasn't done that. I couldn't even tell you what Granada's motorway establishments are called.

MM: "Granada/Burger King."

Nicky: "Ask the public if they want more Burger Kings. See what response you get?

MM: "You're hardly supportive of this deal."

Nicky: "Who is? Read the papers. This is a deal made in good old EC2. Why else would you create a company with debts of £4 billion which, in order to bring its gearing down to 70 per cent, which is hardly low, has to embark on asset sales of £2 billion. The way to sell an asset is to have it torn away from you. You don't shoot from the rooftops of a merchant bank that divestment is your game plan. It's great for the advisers and the underwriters. By the end of the day fees for this little charade are going to tot up to the thick end of £250 million. What the public never catch on to is who bears the cost. This guy Gerry Robinson has made no secret of the fact that he intends to jack up margins. That will hit the consumer. Then we hear about squeezing an extra £100 million worth of profits out of Forte's operations. How much of that £100 million will relate to redundancies? Whatever the outcome, Granada's bid has made redundancies inevitable. The real irony, of course, is that should Granada, given a few years, go the way of most conglomerates, the loser wouldn't be the fund manager who assented Forte shares but the policyholder whose funds are actually on the line."

MM: "Maybe, in an era of corporate *glasnost*, institutions should disclose the way they vote in contested takeover bids?

Nicky: "Why not. Stand up and be counted."

MM: "Like Carol Galley, at Mercury Asset Management?"

Nicky: "Now there's a broad who would make one helluva craps player. Judging from her stake she realised Forte was undervalued long before Mr Robinson. MAM is still buying and now holds more than 15 per cent of Forte and around 14½ per cent of Granada. Galley looks set to win whatever the outcome but she has to watch her eye."

MM: "Why?"

Nicky: "Because, as of now, Granada is perceived as the corporate raider, not MAM."

We order one more glass.

Nicky: "This bid isn't over yet. Forte's tax counsel, Linklaters & Paines and Price Waterhouse, have been focusing on Granada's proposed special dividend of 47p per share and the associated tax credit of 11.75p per share to be paid from Forte's reserves. They believe that the Inland Revenue will argue against a tax credit refund on the special dividend for tax exempt shareholders. They also believe that higher-rate taxpayers who opt for the extra payment will be denied capital gains tax treatment, with the payment taxed as income. The other argument you should look into is whether Granada's proposal to pay a special dividend out of the Meridien sale constitutes buying a company with its own money. Such an action would contravene Section 151 of the Companies Act, although Granada's lawyers may have discovered some loophole."

MM: "And what do I say to the fund managers, Nicky?"

Nicky: "Remind them of the Eighties and tell them to read Hegel. Tell them to read the bit about what history teaches us is that people never learn anything from history, or act on the principles deduced from it."

Midland buys final CU stake in life business

By Marianne Curphey

MIDLAND BANK has become the latest of the high street banks and building societies to own a fully independent life business after buying Commercial Union's final stake in Midland Life for £50 million yesterday.

Midland had until August this year to exercise an option to buy the remaining 20 per cent investment held by Commercial Union, its former joint venture partner.

The insurer, which helped Midland to set up its life arm in 1988, originally held a 35 per cent stake after investing £4 million. That stake had been reducing gradually.

The move confirms the increasing dominance of the bancassurers — subsidiaries of banks and building societies selling life and pensions products through high street branches.

By selling through existing branch networks, they avoid the overheads of maintaining a separate sales organisation. Their market share of life and pensions sales is estimated at about 20 per cent.

NatWest, TSB, the Woolwich and the Halifax Building Society run life arms. This week, Standard Life, the UK's largest life company, said that new business had fallen by a third after its agreement to supply all pensions and investment products to Halifax ended.

Meanwhile, Scottish Mutual Assurance, the life company bought for £285 million by Abbey National in 1992, has bucked the industry trend by almost doubling its annual life and pensions business.

In a year during which fierce competition and a huge drop in sales after the pensions misselling scandal dogged the market, its total new annual life and pensions business rose 93 per cent to £36.2 million in 1995 (£18.8 million). Industry analysts said that the rise came from a combination of financial support from Abbey National and a new young, aggressive management team.

The mutual claimed it had made its life products more attractive by improving transfer values for pensions and had cut operating expense ratios from 125 to 104 per cent on annualised new business.

Total new premium business was £506 million, compared with £462 million in 1994, of which new single premium life and pensions business accounted for £443 million (£470 million).

The industry measure of growth, worked out by adding total annual business to 10 per cent of single premium business, showed Scottish Mutual had increased business 32 per cent in 1995.

Tempus, page 28

Frank van Wezel expects trading to remain tough, with the cutting of costs a priority

THE TIMES & THE SUNDAY TIMES ARE NOW ONLINE
http://www.the-times.co.uk http://www.sunday-times.co.uk

Hi-Tec saves cash by passing payout

By Martin Barrow

HI-TEC, the sports footwear manufacturer, has passed the payment of an interim dividend as it seeks to conserve cash to sustain the momentum of its recovery in the face of tough trading conditions.

Helped by the disposal of loss-making businesses and a wide-ranging cost-cutting exercise, Hi-Tec returned to profit in the six months to October 31, earning £610,000 before tax. In the first half of the previous year, the company incurred losses of £6.57 million, and full-year losses totalled £12.54 million.

Frank van Wezel, chairman, said that the company expected difficult trading to persist in the second half, with a forecast upturn in consumer spending in Britain and America having only a modest impact. "We expect to pursue similar trading policies to those in the first half of the year, with continued attention to operating margins and the reduction of both overheads and working capital requirements," he said.

Turnover from continuing operations fell by 12 per cent, because of tough trading and persistent destocking, notably in North America and the UK. Mr van Wezel said it would be "some time yet" before the market for outdoor sports footwear absorbed surplus stocks.

Interim earnings of 0.27p a share compared with losses of 14.29p last time. The previous interim dividend was 1.58p.

The shares rose 1p, to 33p.

Hodder is bullish on book sales

By Sarah Bagnall

TIM HELY HUTCHINSON, chief executive of Hodder Headline, says he is cautiously optimistic that last September's collapse of the price-fixing agreement on books will stimulate the market.

"We are cautiously optimistic that the recent changes will stimulate steady, profitable growth in the UK consumer book market," he said.

Mr Hely Hutchinson's remark was made as he disclosed a 13 per cent rise in sales in the three months to December 31, helped by a sharp rise in business with non-traditional booksellers, such as supermarkets. Hodder expects to report a 10 per cent rise in sales to £89 million for the year to December 31.

Richard Adam, 38, who has been chief financial officer of The Family Channel is to become Hodder Headline's finance director on April 15.

After a slow summer in the UK book market, sales were relatively strong towards Christmas. Hodder, which quit the Net Book Agreement in September 1994, issued a profits warning that month, blaming weak consumer demand.

Aggressive price policy lifts Argos

By Sarah Bagnall

ARGOS, the catalogue retailer, has revealed that its aggressive pricing policy for the holiday period saw a 14 per cent leap in sales in the five weeks before Christmas.

Argos traditionally makes more than 85 per cent of its profits in the second half of the year, which includes Christmas. The company saw like-for-like sales rise 8 per cent in the five weeks, a slight improvement on the 7.2 per cent advance in the first half.

The City was pleased with the news, especially as the increased sales were not achieved at the expense of gross margin.

Sir Richard Lloyd, chairman, said: "Despite keener pricing in our autumn/winter catalogue, we have managed and withstood the downward pressure on gross margin."

Argos did not refer to plans for its £200 million cash pile. In August, the company said it was looking to buy. If an appropriate candidate is not found, the company could undertake a share buyback or a special dividend payment.

Tempus, page 28

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Littlewoods reduces Iceland concessions

LITTLEWOODS, the football pools to chain store empire, has decided to reduce the number of Iceland concessions in its stores. Only last month, Iceland, the frozen food retailer, joined forces with N Brown, the home shopping group, to launch a £1.1 billion offer for Littlewoods. The approach amounted to nothing as the company's shareholders voted to remain private for the time being. Bob Willett, managing director of the Littlewoods chain stores, said: "Discussions with Iceland over the concessions started well before the takeover approach. Talks have been on-going for at least eight months."

The number of Iceland concessions in Littlewoods 130 stores is to be reduced by 11 to a total of 37. Mr Willett said that the move reflected the group's desire to expand the prime floor space given to its Berkertex range, which accounts for 60 per cent of Littlewoods' womenswear sales. "We decided to look at all of the concessions in the store to see if we could make better use of the space," he said. Of the remaining Iceland concessions, which are mainly in non-prime space in the Littlewoods stores, the lives of 14 concessions have been extended by four years.

Hughes sales disappoint

TJ HUGHES, the discount department store operator based in the northwest of England, told shareholders yesterday that current year profits would fall short of last year's pre-tax earnings of £1.6 million. Hughes said that although sales improved over Christmas on a like-for-like basis, they were insufficient to counter a disappointing autumn sales period. The company, which faces higher interest and distribution costs, said price competition had intensified, resulting in lower margins. The shares fell 2p to 58p.

Rhino profits warning

SHARES in Rhino Group, the computer and video games retailer that owns the Future Zone chain, fell 1¼p to 11¼p after the company gave a warning that full-year results would be below market expectations after December sales fell short of earlier hopes. Rhino blames slower than expected implementation of a new stock management system and aggressive discounting by rivals. Rhino lifted sales, but suffered margin erosion. Electronics Boutique, of the US, last year took a 25 per cent stake in the company.

Tomkins bid message

TOMKINS, the industrial conglomerate, yesterday sought to allay fears about the outcome of protracted negotiations related to the proposed acquisition of privately owned Gates Rubber, the US auto component manufacturer, for an estimated $1.1 billion with assumption of about $240 million debts. Tomkins said: "Negotiations have been satisfactorily completed and all essential terms of the contracts agreed." However it said, "a couple of technical issues, unrelated to the business, remain outstanding".

Dawson shares soar

SHARES in Dawson Holdings, quoted on the AIM, rose to £10 from 890p yesterday, even though the newspaper and magazine distributer reported profit decline to £3.5 million before tax from £4.5 million for the year to September 30. The decline was attributed to losses at Faxon Inc, based in North America that was acquired earlier in the financial year. Faxon is expected to return to profit this year. Operating profits from continuing businesses were up 60 per cent. The dividend is lifted to 30p (29p), with a 20p final, payable on March 8.

More demand for oil

OIL demand from leading industrial nations was much higher than expected in the last quarter of 1995, and supplies were lower than expected, the International Energy Agency (IEA) reports. It said that the call on crude oil produced by the *Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries* in last year's final quarter, plus stocks, was 1.1 million barrels per day (bpd) more than estimated at 26.7 million bpd. Opec production rose slightly in December to average 25.76 million bpd, its highest monthly average since April 1980.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.17	2.01
Austria Sch	16.86	15.16
Belgium Fr	48.76	44.48
Canada $	2.207	2.047
Cyprus Cyp£ .	0.740	0.685
Denmark Kr ...	9.22	8.42
Finland Mkk ...	7.30	6.65
France Fr	8.05	7.40
Germany Dm .	2.38	2.17
Greece Dr	384.00	359.00
Hong Kong $	12.58	11.56
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.2100	4.5600
Italy Lira	2544.00	2389.00
Japan Yen	176.20	160.20
Malta	0.589	0.534
Netherlds Gld	2.846	2.418
New Zealand $	2.48	2.26
Norway Kr	10.38	9.58
Portugal Esc ..	242.50	224.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.35
Spain Pta	184.50	181.50
Sweden Kr	10.77	9.97
Switzerland Fr	1.93	1.75
Turkey Lira	refer	87579.0
USA $	1.639	1.509

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

COUNTER ATTACK

Reshuffling the top management at Sainsbury's was presented as a cure for the supermarket chain's woes. But is it also an admission that the company has lost its way . . ?

Business Focus — The Sunday Times tomorrow

هكذا من الأصل

A WORKING WEEK FOR: GERRY ROBINSON

Concocting a knockout brew amid the chaos

This week Granada played its final hand in the bruising battle for Forte. **Jon Ashworth** talked to its ebullient chief executive

ALAN WELLER

On a roll: Gerry Robinson and his management team masterminded Granada's revised bid in the "secrecy" of his dining room over the weekend

GERRY ROBINSON bounds into the room, hand outstretched, eyes sparkling. It is after 5pm on Wednesday — "or is it Thursday, the days tend to blur" — and Granada's chief executive is on a roll. His face stares back from a dozen newspapers, reflecting the latest twist in the gargantuan struggle for Forte, the embattled hotels-to-Happy Eater group. Robinson, 47, has gone for the knockout blow with his revised £3.8 billion bid, and feelings are running high.

The previous morning, Robinson and his advisers had trooped to the City for what was to prove a make-or-break presentation. They had spent the weekend finalising a package that was intended to seal Forte's fate once and for all. Granada can do no more — the matter is in the hands of the shareholders — and Robinson is happy he has given it his best shot.

Details of the revised offer, the source of so much weekend speculation, must have been carried out in conditions of utmost secrecy... surely? "Actually it was at home in Holland Park," says Robinson, throwing back his head and giggling hysterically. "It was in the dining room, papers spread out before me, kids coming in, all wanting a say. My four-and-a-half year old [April]... My daughter clumping in with some railway girders. It was pretty chaotic."

Robinson, who earns £700,000 a year, has four children — two from his first marriage, and two infants, and the age gap makes for an interesting mix. Samantha, soon to be 21, is studying art — hence the girders. A long way behind Richard, 18, comes April, 4, and one-year-old Timothy. "You get in at three o' clock in the morning," says Robinson, chuckling gleefully, "there can be people coming home with all sort of undesirables, kids screaming... It's a real mix."

It's been heated. You can move from hero to villain in three minutes flat

All this is a far cry from the image of Robinson the cut-throat corporate raider that one has come to expect, what with all this talk about shedding jobs and stripping assets. Why, Robinson is talking of trimming no less than £100 million a year out of Forte — surely no mean feat. "People tend to think of it all as costs," he says, growing serious, "but it is very often about growing the business. There's quite a large gap between cutting and hacking, and something that's genuinely built up and doing extraordinarily well."

An early victim of a Granada victory would be Forte's head office in London's Holborn, which has a staff of 290. Granada oversees its leisure, television and catering empire from a head office of 24. Robinson talks of the importance of keeping Granada's 45,000-strong workforce informed. "There is quite a responsibility about giving them a base — not falling off a cliff if it all goes wrong."

The clock on round two of the battle for Forte began ticking the moment Robinson stepped off the plane from Ireland ten days ago. He spent Christmas in Donegal, where he grew up, in a cottage overlooking the sea. Snow was heavy on the ground, but there was little time to admire the view. "Faxes were flying to and fro, phone calls were flying... Donegal being Donegal you could hardly get the car out of the drive." He seems genuinely surprised to hear of the snowstorms to hit America this week. He has been so caught up with the bid that world news has passed him by.

Replete with "too many mince pies and quite a lot of Guinness", Robinson flew back with British Airways (no corporate jets here, the Forte jet is high on the hit-list) and flung himself into the next stage of the contest. "Obviously, the first key issue was to decide how we were going to pick up the bid."

Everything was hinged to Tuesday's presentation to journalists and analysts, in which Robinson unveiled an innovative package that added £500 million to the value of the bid. "We were pretty keen to get right back to the basics of what the deal was about — why are we doing it? What's in it for shareholders?"

Much of the detail was finalised on Sunday. Robinson's advisers left his home about 10pm, giving him time to relax for an hour or so over a glass of red wine. "It's very difficult after that to go to bed, with your head spinning. Oddly enough, I slept like a log."

He was up at 6am, and set off for Granada's head office in Golden Square. "I spent an hour sorting out non-bid issues, opening the post, then began the whole process of finalising documents, tying up the deal. It went on until midnight." The day included meetings with a number of key Granada shareholders. "I think people forget who owns the business," says Robinson, reflecting that he and his colleagues are managers ... and have a duty to keep the "owners" briefed. "You pick up a great deal by listening to what your shareholders have to say. You learn."

He prefers a spontaneous approach to speech-making. "I never rehearse a presentation more than once. If what you say is what you believe, you say it better, rather than reading it through 15 times. I always try to make it a bit light and uncomplicated. People in business take themselves far too seriously."

Granada's strategy relied on winning the support of the Council of Forte — a goal which, if sources are to be believed, saw Robinson confronting a room filled with elderly gentlemen nodding off over their glasses of port. Robinson is too tactful to comment but concedes: "Clearly, we would not have been happy to move forward without the council's support. They had the right, technically, to veto the bid." The council's hand was won with the promise of £50 million for the Forte trust shares, and the deal was signed shortly before midnight on Monday.

It was not a restful night. "I didn't sleep well," says Robinson. "Clearly, ahead of a presentation, you're a bit unsettled. But it went very well with the analysts and the press." He left home at about 7am, travelling by chauffeur-driven Mercedes, and spent the rest of the day in one-to-one briefings, in between a hastily snatched salad lunch. "I feel terrible if I eat snacks — tired and out of sorts."

Lack of sleep and irregular dining may explain the unfortunate scene after the presentation when Robinson lost his cool with a journalist who was less than flattering about Granada's motorway restaurants. One observer says: "It got very nasty. He turned red, started sweating. The Granada board were really quite embarrassed." Be that as it may, Robinson was in his usual jocular form when we met, and showed no sign of cracking up under the stress.

Tuesday evening brought a welcome respite: Robinson went to see *Riverdance*. I picture Robinson, the Irishman, his eyes glistening as a haunting Gaelic sun rises over a misty landscape. He shrugs off such sentiment: "It was not quite a tear in the eye, but a kind of gutsy feeling."

Afterwards, he and his party dined at the only suitable venue in such circumstances: Deals, one of a chain-of-three backed by Lord Linley and Lord Lichfield.

"I've not been to it before," says Robinson. Typical fare includes hamburgers and spare ribs, and the menu plays on the idea of big deals, hot deals... During a bid, there is no escape.

Robinson went to bed at about 1.30am, and was up for an 8am meeting at Lazards, the merchant bank. With Granada's cards on the table, it now comes down to selling the revised offer to Forte shareholders. "There are 13 days to go," he says, looking at his watch with a theatrical flourish. "The whole thing comes to a finale at 1pm on the 23rd."

It is ironic that the BBC should choose this week to announce a new chairman in Sir Christopher Bland, Robinson's adversary during Granada's bid for London Weekend Television two years ago. Robinson, who steps up to become chairman of Granada in March, insists that the bid for LWT was quite different, even though the mechanics might be the same.

"It was never anything more than a very friendly affair," he says. "This one has become very heated: 'We want to acquire this company because we can run it a great deal better...'." He shrugs. "You can move, can't you, from being hero to villain in three minutes flat."

Today Robinson is at Wisley Golf Club in Surrey, where Sir Rocco is also a member. "He's a very good golfer," says Robinson, claiming a stubborn 21 handicap. "My son more often than not gives me a hiding these days, which I find humiliating." Later, he goes to Suffolk to celebrate his sister Maureen's birthday.

Just over a week from now, Robinson and his team will know whether their audacious punt for Forte has paid off. He appears confident, as always, but gives little away. "Clearly, if we're successful, we will then embark on a fairly long period of deciding what to do with the business. If we fail, it will take two days to get over it, crying, and then..." That disarming Robinson smile. "We'll just get on with it."

HIDDEN ASSETS

Best draught horses that prove their pulling power

Joanna Pitman reports on how shires draw heavy loads and large crowds

A nation's broad character is usually displayed in its foreign policy, its formal and monumental architecture and in its great composers of literature and music. Curlicues of temperament are evident further away from the centre and one indicator of such is a nation's public ceremonies — its coronations, its grand openings of parliament, its state and public funerals, its civic shows and mayoral processions.

British ceremonies, like those of most countries, are of course designed to maximise the pomp and the magnificence of the occasion and as such are made compellingly moving.

But for the British public, the impact seems to be all the greater if these events can be made to incorporate scores of glossy-maned horses, occupying key roles and decked out in highly polished gear, such as the exquisitely groomed horses that pulled the Queen to Westminster Abbey for her Coronation.

And it is the shire horse, descendant of the trusty old mount that carried English knights into battle at Crécy and Agincourt, that is perhaps most beloved of the British, lying as it does today at the conjunction of two British passions; the love of ceremonies and the love of animals.

Whitbread owns a team of 17 shire horses which has managed to capture the hearts of the British ceremony buff and of the tourist by providing six shire horses for the Lord Mayor's Show every year since 1955.

The company first acquired its team in the early 1950s. The horses have also had something of a functional role, pulling beer carts or drays until 1991, when they were moved from their stables in Garrett Street in the City to Whitbread's 200-acre hop farm in Beltring, Kent, where they are looked after by six full-time stablehands. Whitbread shires are now used almost entirely for ceremonial duties and shows, and are on display to the public at the farm every day between 10am and 4pm.

The shire horse is the heaviest of the draught breeds. It is a handsome and powerful animal which has both enormous stamina and strength, often combined with an unusually placid nature. The ancestors of today's shires were famed as the great horses of the Middle Ages. They were bred purely for their military value, specifically as charges capable of carrying knights bearing heavy armour and weaponry.

Among the many heavy horse breeds kept for military purposes, it was the Clydesdales in Scotland that gained an edge as one of the strongest breeds after Edward I of England imposed a ban on the export of horses of military value to north of the border, and as a result, the Clydesdale stock was strengthened by horses brought in from Flanders and Denmark.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, the English heavy horse stock was likewise boosted again by Flemish horses brought over by Dutch contractors, hired to work on the drainage of the Fenlands.

The shire is an immensely powerful horse of commanding appearance, sometimes as much as 18 hands high (a hand equals four inches) and weighing anything over a tonne. It has thick musculature — unusually broad — shoulders and a girth that can run to 2.4 metres.

Horse buffs describe the typical shire nose as convex Roman, its eyes as kindly and its long mane as well-suited to the copious ribbon plaiting that goes on before a show. But it is perhaps the heavily feathered lower limbs of fine silky white hair that show off their active pace to best advantage and set the hearts of the equine ceremony-lover into a predictable jitter.

Whitbread's team always captures the hearts of the public at the Lord Mayor's Show

How much will you save in Private Medical Insurance premiums?

EXETER FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Joining Age	Cumulative Savings*
50	£9,248.04
51	£8,895.35
52	£8,542.66
53	£8,189.97
54	£7,837.28
55	£7,484.59
56	£7,036.14
57	£6,587.69
58	£6,139.24
59	£5,690.79
60	£5,242.34
61	£4,848.79
62	£4,455.24
63	£4,061.69
64	£3,668.14
65	£3,274.59
66	£2,758.99
67	£2,243.39
68	£1,727.79
69	£1,212.19
70	£696.59

** Comparison with the leading private medical insurer illustrating the savings realised without automatic age increases.*

Join Exeter Friendly Society today and the savings start today. Because the Exeter is the only leading private medical insurer which **does not increase subscription rates automatically based on age.**

Join the Exeter today and your age-related subscription rate is fixed for life. **You will never have to pay more based on growing older!**

As the chart on the right clearly shows the savings are substantial. And **the sooner you join the more you save.**

Anyone under the age of 80 may join Exeter Friendly Society. It would pay you to find out how much the Exeter can save you – even if your renewal date is later in the year.

For further details please telephone **01392 498063**, fax 01392 421480 or complete the coupon.

I am under 80 years of age please send me details of your private medical insurance plans.

Mr/Mrs/Ms ____________________

Address ____________________

____________________ Postcode ____________

Telephone ____________ Ages of people to be included ____________

I am currently insured with ____________________

50 PLAN EXETER FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Beech Hill House, Walnut Gardens, Exeter EX4 4DG

1101/96

STOCK MARKET PHILIP PANGALOS

Good mood evaporates over Wall Street blues

SHARES in London just about managed to end a volatile week on a positive note, but solid early gains evaporated in late trading as wild swings in New York unsettled traders' nerves after Wall Street went on another roller-coaster ride.

Confidence on this side of the Atlantic was initially restored by a buoyant CBI retail survey. Wall Street's overnight recovery and renewed optimism about another interest rate cut, combining to overshadow recent political concerns.

However, a positive start on Wall Street was shortlived as the Dow Jones industrial average swung from an early 24-point gain to a 35-point deficit in just over an hour. The continuing uncertainty over a resolution to the US federal budget deficit again unsettled traders and depressed sentiment in London.

The FT-SE 100 saw a one-time 15-point gain whittled away, with the index ending up 2.4 points at 3,657.3, giving a loss of 47.2 points on a volatile week. Volume reached 675 million shares.

There was continued heavy trading in Forte as the arbitrageurs continued to take a keen interest in the hotel group's bid battle with Granada, which dismissed Forte's warning on possible tax implications of its increased bid. **Forte** shares climbed ½p to 369p, on volume of 25.5 million shares, while **Granada**, whose improved £3.8 billion offer is increasingly expected to bring it victory, dipped 1p to 663p, on volume of 8.29 million shares.

The retail sector was a bright spot, with a number of high street stores groups and supermarkets in demand after a CBI survey reported bullish trading in December.

Argos was the focus of attention, with shares in the catalogue retailer up 4p to 565p after an update showed strong trading in the five weeks immediately before Christmas. Sales were up 14 per cent in total and ahead by 8 per cent on a like-for-like basis.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Boots** firmed 1p to 593p, **Kingfisher** 8p to 531p, **Marks & Spencer** 4p to 431p, **Asda** 1½p to 114p, **Sainsbury** 4½p to 404p and **Argyll** 6½p to 342p. **Kwik Save** was a dull exception, losing 13p to 490p, after reports of a downgrading from ABN Amro Hoare Govett.

Card Clear's anti-fraud system for cards helped it to rise 6p

Hi-Tec Sports rose 2p to 34p as the sports shoe group accompanied a return to the black at the interim stage with a buoyant trading update.

British Gas was in demand, rising 5p to 264½p, on heavy volume of 20.61 million shares, after talk that leading banks may lend billions of pounds to the group as part of the scheme to bail the company out of its dispute with North Sea gas producers over £40 billion of long-term contracts.

Elsewhere, **Enterprise Oil** rose 11p to 380p in the wake of an encouraging drilling report on the Monte Alpi field in Italy.

Sage Group, the Newcastle-based accounting software specialist, lost 9p to 333p on news that David Goldman, chairman, had sold one million shares, at 326p, realising £3.26 million. Mr Goldman, who has been chairman since 1981 and is due to go part-time this spring, still holds 6.85 million shares, or 4.9 per cent.

T J Hughes dipped 2p to 58p as the discount department stores group gave warning of lower profits in the year to January 31, after sales during the Christmas period failed to make up for disappointing autumn sales.

But **C E Heath**, the insurance broker, firmed 1p to 155p in spite of saying that it will incur a one-off £10 million provision in the current year as it makes substantial cuts in annual overheads.

Lister & Co was in the doldrums, with the textile group losing 2½p to 23½p after its failure to complete the sale of one of its mills. In contrast, **Manders**, the printing ink group, added 5p to 300p on news of contracts worth £25 million.

Zeneca rose 3p to £12.30 after the US Food and Drug Administration cleared the marketing of a new formula for the pharmaceutical group's Zoladex treatment for advanced prostate cancer.

Shares in **Rhino Group** fell ½p to 12p after the computer and video games retailer gave warning that its full-year results will be below market expectations after disappointing sales in December.

Analyst were previously expecting pre-tax losses of about £6.7 million. Rhino, which last October launched its second rescue rights issue in under ten months, blames the latest shortfall on a slower than expected implementation of a new stock management system and aggressive discounting by other main video games retailers.

Shares in **Card Clear**, the credit card fraud protection company, which is quoted on the Alternative Investment Market, surged to 71p before settling at 66p, up 6p, on news of a lucrative deal to install its Hot Card Broadcast system in Mobil's petrol retail outlets throughout the UK. About 200 Mobil sites have already been installed with the HCB system, but a further 350 sites are expected to have systems installed by the end of April.

Dawson Holdings, the library supplier and newspaper wholesaler, which is also traded on AIM, surged 120p to £10.10 after the company reported better than expected final results. UBS has upgraded its current-year profit forecast from £6.4 million to £7.6 million.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Overnight gains by US treasuries helped gilts to a positive start, but gains were trimmed in the afternoon.

The March long gilt future ended up eight ticks at £110¹⁷⁄₃₂, on volume of 56,000 contracts. Among conventional stocks, advances were eroded by the close, but gains stretched to £¹⁰⁄₃₂ among the longer-dated issues, while shorts added £⅛ and index-linked about £¹⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Uncertainty over the federal budget continued to dog shares on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average was 39.38 points lower at 5,025.72 by midday.

Games Workshop, the fantasy wargames specialist, firmed 3p to 286p after Merrill Lynch placed 2.3 million shares, a 7 per cent stake held by one European investor, at 267p with a number of institutions. Tim Steer, at Merrill, remains a buyer and has lifted his full-year forecast from £7.2 million to £7.5 million.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
Forte	369p	+24p	Better bid terms from Granada
Granada	663p	+16p	Raises Forte bid to £3.8 billion
MDIS	60p	+9p	Geac Computer buys stake
National Express	390p	+27p	Broker visit
Lonrho	195½p	+11½p	Demerger proposals
Dawson Holdings	£10.10	+140p	Results/profits upgrade
McBride	150p	-35p	Profits warning
Redland	388p	-24p	Warns of profit shortfall
Storehouse	296p	-36p	Disappointing Christmas sales

MAJOR INDICES

New York: (midday)

Dow Jones	5025.72 (-39.38)
S&P Composite	597.83 (-4.86)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	20287.49 (-90.50)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	10540.01 (+110.19)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	502.81 (+4.03)

Sydney:

AO	2239.4 (-9.3)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2356.45 (-26.94)

Singapore:

Straits	2402.02 (+32.53)

Brussels:

General	8664.51 (+46.20)

Paris:

CAC-40	1907.59 (+9.74)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	736.00 (+3.70)

London:

FT 30	2720.9 (Same)
FT 100	3657.3 (+2.4)
FT-SE Mid 250	4024.6 (+9.3)
FT-SE-A 350	1818.4 (+1.8)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1514.02 (+9.62)
FT A All-Share	1793.42 (+1.93)
FT Non Financials	1897.29 (+1.75)
FT Fixed Interest	114.14 (+0.06)
FT Govt Secs	95.46 (+0.13)
Bargains	29811
SEAQ Volume	759.9m
USM (Datastrm)	190.01 (+1.12)
US$	1.5472 (+0.0022)
German Mark	2.2291 (+0.0079)
Exchange Index	83.3 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1833
£:SDR	1.0437
RPI	149.8 Nov (3.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.8 Nov (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Century Inns	116	...
Cox Insurance	113	...
Crown Products	53	...
Dmatek	73	...
Jupiter Split Cap	85½	...
Jupiter Split Inc	98½	...
Jupiter Split Units	#59	...
Mountcashel	¼	...
Northern Petroleum	75	...
Nthn Petlm Wrts	8	...
Revelation Plcc	100	...
Rushmere Wynne	3½	...
SkyePharma B Wrts	7	...
Unicorn Intl (133)	143	...
Victrex	260	...
Viewinn	135	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Persona n/p (225)	-27	...
Ransomes n/p (48)	6½	+ 1
SWP Group n/p (2½)	1½	...
Seafield Res n/p (65)	22	+ 2
SkyePharma n/p (4)	5	...
Sutcliffe Spk n/p (25)	3	...
Westbury n/p (150)	24	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Rolfe & Nolan	303p (+15p)
Eurocamp	233p (+10p)
Bluebird Toys	319p (+12p)
MAI	342p (+12p)
Mayborn	272p (+11p)
Enterprise	382p (+13p)
JJB Sports	590p (+20p)
Scotia	558p (+18p)
Cater Allen	463p (+14p)
Courtauld Text	383p (+10p)
Church	420p (+10p)

FALLS:

MAID	192p (-12p)
Christies Int	191p (-9p)
Redland	384p (-10p)
Sage Gp	333p (-9p)
Kwik Save	490p (-13p)
Telspec	775p (-13p)
Stand Chart	564p (-8p)
Sotheby's	830p (-10p)
Blue Circle	325p (-9p)
P & O	474p (-13p)

Closing Prices Page 41

TEMPUS

Lawyers take over Forte bid

THE takeover bid by Granada for Forte has now been taken over by lawyers. Forte has claimed that Granada's proposed special dividend and tax credit will be disallowed by the Inland Revenue under the anti-avoidance provisions. According to Forte, offering shareholders the option to choose between income and capital falls foul of the rules. Predictably, Granada disagrees and both camps are waving expensive legal opinions.

The dispute puts the bid into a curious limbo as the only arbiter, the Inland Revenue, is unlikely to volunteer an opinion unless requested and Granada has, curiously, chosen not to seek clearance on a matter that could cause it to win or lose on the day. Without the 12p tax credit there is little daylight between the Granada bid and the Forte proposals. Gross funds will now be reaching for lawyers and the only sensible advice to private shareholders, unable to hire expensive silks, is to do nothing.

That is likely to be to the advantage of Forte. Valuations of its own share buy-back and disposal programme differ, but some come close to 370p, leaving Forte shareholders with the age-old problem of choosing between the low-risk strategy of backing a cosseted management with a poor record, or supporting a more actively managed conglomerate.

Granada and Forte share much the same institutional investor base and if fund managers have any sense they will demand a compromise, with Forte selling its roadside restaurants to Granada. In the longer term, investors should insist that the Takeover Panel prohibits bids whose value depends on approval by tax authorities.

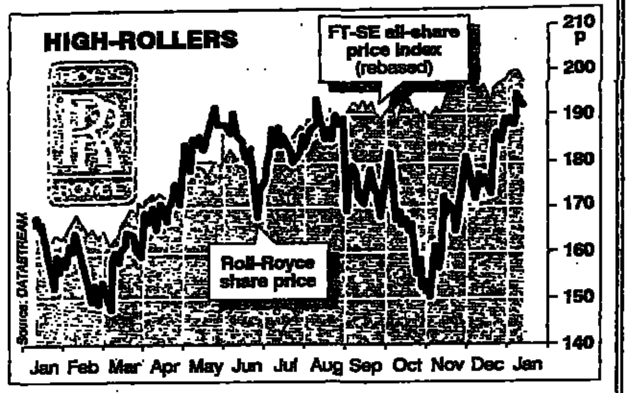
Rolls-Royce

JUST how high can Rolls-Royce shares fly? Chart analysts at ING Baring reckon they have now broken previous resistance at 205p and are on their way to the giddy altitude of 240p. This would be extraordinary, given their recent low of 150p.

What is going on? At privatisation, Rolls was an immature business, struggling to develop civil aviation and industrial power and reduce its dependence on defence. Then followed a four-year recession in civil aerospace sales. Failure to win a huge order from the Saudi national airline caused the shares to hit their nadir.

Since then, Rolls has secured a 77-plane order from Singapore Airlines and a contract from Malaysian Airline System. Taking into account earlier deals, Rolls is making big inroads into the fast-growing Asian market.

However, investors will still have to wait for a payoff. Profits under the contracts are back-end loaded. Initial engine sales are discounted to secure orders, with most of the profit earned from later deliveries when cost savings and some price inflation ensures a higher margin. It is also too early to factor in expectations of follow-on orders. Rolls should announce pre-tax profits of £160 million for the year to last month. If it achieves the expected £230 million in the current year, the shares will be selling at 15.4 times likely earnings. High enough, for the time being.



Life insurance

IMPRESSIVE new business figures from Scottish Mutual Assurance should convince any lingering doubters that the life and pensions industry is headed for further upheaval. Scottish is a medium-sized mutual, and while its independent brethren are struggling to sell enough policies to pay City office rents, the Abbey National-owned firm increased new business by a third last year.

Much of the success can be attributed to the takeover by Abbey in 1992 when new capital was injected, providing financial strength at a time when IFAs — the main source of business for Scottish — were losing confidence in smaller mutuals, whose costs were eating into reserves. The ability to increase business volume is helping to bring down cost ratios, which in turn make Scottish Mutual more attractive to financial advisers.

This virtuous circle will not have gone unnoticed by other large financial service organisations, such as NatWest, seeking to sell more investment products through IFAs. Banks have had little success in selling more sophisticated products, such as pensions, over the counter and many will see merit in following Abbey's example of separating the plain vanilla policies of Abbey Life from Scottish Mutual's pension and health insurance products. With IFAs close to controlling half of the personal pensions business, those mutuals with good IFA links could find banks knocking on their doors.

Argos

IT IS hard to find fault with Argos. Mike Smith and Bob Stewart, both from the BAT management training school, have created one of Britain's best performers. The catalogue retailer continues to lift profits and sales with an ease that engenders envy elsewhere: in the five weeks to Christmas like-for-like sales grew 8 per cent.

Success has left Argos with the happy problem of making use of its ample cash flow; net liquid funds now top £200 million. New outlets and possible new formats will absorb funds, but it will be hard pressed to spend all the cash it is generating.

An acquisition would imply a change in the cautious management style of Argos. Institutional shareholders are generally nervous of retailers expanding through acquisition, but ironically, they would probably back a deal from the Argos team.

A suitable target has yet to emerge and in the meantime the surplus cash is not a serious drag on earnings growth. Argos could pay a special dividend or buy back shares. The latter could enhance earnings per share but might sacrifice Argos's recently won FT-SE 100 status.

EDITED BY CARL MORTISHED

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	890-889	May	1010-1006
May	911-910	Jul	unq
Jul	935-934	Sep	--
Sep	955-954	Dec	--
Dec	975-974		
Mar	996-995		Volume: 5873

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1940-1920	Sep	1575-1570
Mar	1765-1760	Nov	1564-1550
May	1635-1634	Jan	1540-1520
Jul	1581-1580		Volume: 4719

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	308.2-07.4
Spot: 383.1		Dec	301.7-01.0
Mar	365.4-64.6	Mar	300.6-99.8
May	348.4-49.0	May	300.0-97.3
Aug	334.5-36.1		Volume: 2273

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	101.13	117.99	118.79
(+/-)	-5.72	-1.84	-3.94
Eng/Wales:	101.13	118.83	117.83
(+/-)	-5.82	-1.66	-4.42
(%)	-10.0	-21.0	+7.0
Scotland:	100.26	113.52	123.28
(+/-)	+8.23	-1.63	-2.59
(%)	-24.0	+6.0	+40.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.60	-0.70
Brent 15 day (Feb)	17.45	-0.70
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.90	-0.70
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	18.20	-1.00
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	17.90	-0.85

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 174 (-3)	O: 176 (-3)
Gasoil EEC	163 (-8)	165 (-9)
Non EEC IH Jan	162 (-10)	164 (-11)
Non EEC IH Feb	161 (-8)	163 (-12)
3.5 Fuel Oil	107 (-1)	109 (-1)
Naphtha	171 (-5)	173 (-5)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Feb	156.50-56.75	May	148.25 BID
Mar	152.25-52.75	Jun	147.25-47.50
Apr	149.50-49.75		Vol: 34724

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	17.45-17.46	May	16.28 SLR
Mar	16.87-16.99	Jun	16.15 SLR
Apr	16.53 SLR		Vol: 55552

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	121.65	Jan	114.70
Mar	123.25	Mar	115.60
May	125.25	May	117.20
Jul	127.15	Sep	103.00
Sep	113.25	Nov	110.00
Volume: 263		Volume: 39	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	200.0
Apr	219.9	205.5
May	unq	223.5
		Volume: 231

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Feb 106.25-106.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 96	1525	1515	1513
Feb 96	1496	1490	1490
Mar 96	1500	1490	1494
Apr 96	1486	1480	1493
Vol: 233 lots		Open interest: 4224	

Index 1550 -15

(Official) (Volume prev day)	LONDON METAL EXCHANGE		Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2620.0-2625.0	3mth: 2538.0-2539.0	Vol: 1745425
Lead ($/tonne)	699.50-700.00	692.00-692.50	201300
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1018.0-1019.0	1040.0-1041.0	1017690
Tin ($/tonne)	6310.0-6320.0	6342.0-6345.0	35705
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1633.0-1633.5	1622.5-1623.5	1646150
Nickel ($/tonne)	7670.0-7680.0	7750.0-7760.0	53844

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	500	34½	49½	54½	0	6	11
(*534)	550	1	18	26	17	20½	30½
Argyll	330	13	26½	32	1	4	16
(*342)	360	0½	11½	16½	19½	24½	32
ASDA	110	5	9½	13	1	4½	7
(*114½)	120	0½	5	8½	6½	9½	11½
Boots	550	43	56½	64	0	6	14
(*592½)	600	2½	23	33	10	24	33½
Br Airways	460	31	44	54½	0	6	13
(*490½)	500	2	19½	31	11	21½	30½
BP	500	26	36	46	0½	9	13
(*525½)	550	0½	10	20	25	34	38
Br Steel	160	5	13	15½	1	6	10½
(*165)	180	0	4½	6½	15	17½	23
C & W	460	5½	27½	37	5½	20	28½
(*460)	500	0	12	20	40	45	52
CU	600	24	41½	49	1	21½	27
(*622½)	650	1	16	26	28	51½	56
ICI	800	8½	30½	44½	6½	35	42½
(*803½)	850	0	11½	24½	46½	69	74½
Kingfshr.	500	35	49	55½	0½	10½	18
(*532½)	550	1	20	28½	20	34½	43
Land Sec	600	28	42	49½	0	5½	11½
(*627½)	650	0½	13½	22½	22½	27½	41½
M & S	420	11½	26	32	1	8½	15½
(*437½)	460	0	7½	13	27½	32	38
Nat West	600	35	45½	57	0	16½	25½
(*634)	650	2½	18½	32½	17	43	51½
Sainsbury	390	15½	28½	34	1	7½	14½
(*403½)	420	1	12½	18½	19	22	29½
Shell	800	40	54	59½	0	11	16
(*839½)	850	2	21	30½	12½	34½	39½
Smkl Bch.	650	41	55	69	0	9½	17
(*690½)	700	3	25	40½	12	30	39
Storehse	280	16½	25	32	0	6	9½
(*296)	300	2½	13	20½	6	13½	18
Trafalgar	30	1½	6	8	1	4½	6½
(*30½)	35	0	4	6	4½	7½	9½
Unilever	1300	20	50	63½	3	30½	40½
(*1317)	1350	1	24½	38	33½	59½	68
Zeneca	1200	33½	70	95	2	37	50
(*1230)	1250	5	44	68½	23	61	74½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met.	420	30½	42½	51	4½	9½	14½
(*444)	460	8	23	29½	21½	27	32½
Ladbroke	140	17½	22	25½	3	9	12
(*153½)	160	7	12	16½	12	19	22½
Utd Bisc	240	19	24	30	3	9½	12½
(*254)	260	7½	13½	20	11½	20	23

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	21	36	42	0½	7	13½
(*480½)	500	0	14	20½	20	25½	32
Thames W	500	33	48	55	0	6½	18½
(*532½)	550	1	19	26½	18	27½	44
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	550	19	28	37	14	29½	37
(*551)	600	3½	11½	19½	49½	64½	71½
BTR	330	10	14	20	5½	14½	17½
(*332)	360	1	4	9	28	35½	37½
Br Aero	800	50½	68½	91	10	25	34½
(*834½)	850	21½	42½	64½	31	48½	58
Br Telcm	360	10½	20	27½	7	12	19
(*360½)	390	1½	7½	13½	29½	31	37½
Cadbury	500	41	48½	59	5	16½	21½
(*534½)	550	10½	22½	33½	24½	41	46
Guinness	460	29½	37	44	3	12	16½
(*483½)	500	6½	15½	24	20	33	37½
GEC	360	14½	24	30½	7	12½	19
(*365)	390	3½	10½	16½	26	29½	36
Hanson	191	14	—	—	2	—	—
(*209)	211	2½	—	—	12	—	—
LASMO	160	18½	22	27	1	6	6½
(*178)	180	5½	10	15½	8	11½	15
Lucas	160	18½	22	25½	0½	3	5
(*176)	180	5½	10	14½	7½	11	13½
Pilkingtn	191	8½	15	19	6	8½	12½
(*192½)	210	2	7	11	18½	20	23½
Prudential	420	21½	27½	41	9½	20½	27½
(*429)	460	5½	11½	21½	34	45½	51
Redland	360	15	24½	29	8	19½	22½
(*364½)	390	3½	11	16½	27	39	41
R-Royce	180	19	22½	26½	1	5	7
(*196½)	200	4½	11	15½	8	14	16
Tesco	280	24	24	31½	2	6½	9½
(*299½)	300	9½	16	21½	8	14½	18
Vodafone	200	18	24½	29	2½	6½	9½
(*213)	220	7	13½	19	11	15½	19
Williams	330	9	17	19½	7	15½	18
(*330½)	360	0½	5½	8½	29½	37	38½

FT-SE INDEX (*3659)

	3550	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800
Calls						
Jan	108	65	24½	6	1	1
Feb	133½	95	62	36½	18	8
Mar	155	118½	87	61½	40	24½
Apr	161½	131	101	78	55½	39½
Jun	—	166	—	109½	—	67
Puts						
Jan	1½	6	19½	53	100	150
Feb	17½	29½	47	72½	108	154
Mar	36	50	69	94	124½	161½
Apr	54	73	93	119½	147½	182
Jun	—	98	—	140½	—	199½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat.	600	52	60	69	13	21½	30
(*638½)	650	21½	33½	44	38	46½	54½
Amstrad	180	13½	21	26½	10½	14	14
(*182½)	200	5½	13	18	22½	26	29½
Barclays	750	28½	41	51	31½	40	47½
(*750)	800	9½	22	31	67	73½	78½
Blue Circ	300	31	36	40½	3½	12	14
(*325)	330	11½	19	24½	14½	26	28½
Br Gas	260	15	18½	23	6½	15	17½
(*264½)	280	6½	9½	14½	18	26½	29½
Dixons	390	30½	41½	48½	10	15	20½
(*408)	420	15	25½	33	23	29½	35
Forte	360	16½	19	19½	9½	12	12
(*369)	390	3½	7½	6	26	29½	30
Tarmac	100	9	12½	14½	4	7	8½
(*104)	110	4½	7½	10	9½	12½	14
Hillsdwn	160	17½	19	20½	2	5½	8
(*174)	180	5½	8	10	10	16½	19
Lonrho	180	16	23½	26½	3	6	7½
(*196)	200	6½	12½	16	12	15	16½
Sears	90	9	11	12	1½	3	4
(*96½)	100	3	5	6½	6	8	9
Thrn Emi	1500	131½	172	191½	13	26	42
(*1599)	1600	66½	109½	130½	46	62	80½
Tomkins	260	22½	30	34	4½	8½	12
(*279)	280	10	18½	22½	12½	17	21
Lloyds TSB	292	22½	27½	—	7	12½	—
(*308½)	322	7	12½	—	24	29	—
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	850	26	49½	63½	1½	26	33½
(*874)	900	2	23½	41	27	53½	60½
HSBC	1000	12	48½	66	10	50½	63½
(*1001)	1050	0½	27½	45½	49	52½	97½
Reuter	550	49½	62	74½	0	9	15½
(*599)	600	6½	29½	45	7	28½	35½
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	360	27	35½	44	0	11½	18½
(*386½)	390	3½	15½	28½	5½	26½	33½
	Series	Mar	Jun		Mar	Jun	
Fisons	260	5	5	—	0½	0½	—
(*265)	280	0½	0½	—	15	19	—
	Series	Feb	May		Feb	May	
Eastern Gp	950	28	38	—	0½	0½	—
(*975)	1000	0½	0½	—	32½	32	—
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	420	27½	38	44	7	16	21½
(*435½)	460	7½	17	24½	27½	37½	43
Scot Pwr	360	20	29	34½	7	11	16½
(*375)	390	6½	14	19½	24	29½	32½

January 12, 1996 Tot: 35740 Call: 17730 Put: 18010 FT-SE Call: 4076 Put: [illegible]

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 64571	Mar 96	3682.0	3693.0	3650.0	3671.0	7306
	Jun 96	3680.0	3691.0	3679.0	3673.0	5
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3362	Mar 96				4040.0	0
	Jun 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 349466	Mar 96	93.71	93.73	93.71	93.72	12649
	Jun 96	93.87	93.93	93.87	93.90	21140
	Sep 96	93.85	93.93	93.85	93.90	14692
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 0	Mar 96 n/a				94.65	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1000180	Mar 96	96.52	96.53	96.52	96.52	15384
	Jun 96	96.71	96.74	96.70	96.71	18372
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 134572	Mar 96	110-15	110-30	110-14	110-17	57423
	Jun 96	110-10	110-10	110-05	109-29	3
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 96	119.43	119.43	119.24	119.28	2757
	Jun 96	118.01	118.01	117.90	117.86	199
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 219703	Mar 96	100.20	100.34	100.16	100.25	132580
	Jun 96	99.53	99.64	99.52	99.57	1231
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 18801	Mar 96	95.14	95.16	95.14	95.15	1173
	Jun 96	95.33	95.37	95.33	95.34	557
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 51158	Mar 96	98.36	98.36	98.28	98.30	3368
	Jun 96	98.46	98.46	98.36	98.39	2562
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 60430	Mar 96	109.86	110.06	109.67	109.87	31663
	Jun 96	109.59	109.58	109.45	109.52	102

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6½ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 6¼ Week fixed: 6⁵⁄₁₆
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¹¹⁄₃₂ ; 3 mth 6¼ . Sell: 2 mth 6⁹⁄₃₂ ; 3 mth: 6³⁄₁₆ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	6⁵⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₃₂	6⁹⁄₃₂-6⁷⁄₃₂	6⁷⁄₃₂-6⅛	6³⁄₃₂-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	6½-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⅜-6⁵⁄₁₆	6⅜-6⁵⁄₁₆	6¼-6³⁄₁₆	6¼-6³⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6½-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⅜-6⁵⁄₁₆	6⅜-6⁵⁄₁₆	6¼-6³⁄₁₆	6¼-6³⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 6½ close 6¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⁷⁄₁₆	n/a	6⁵⁄₁₆	6³⁄₁₆	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	6½-6⁷⁄₁₆	6¹³⁄₃₂-6¹¹⁄₃₂	6¹¹⁄₃₂-6⁵⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₃₂-6⁵⁄₁₆	6⁹⁄₃₂-6⁷⁄₃₂
Dollar CDs:	5.51	n/a	5.46	5.35	5.22
Building Society CDs:	6½-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⅜-6⁵⁄₁₆	6⅜-6⁵⁄₁₆	6¼-6³⁄₁₆	6¼-6³⁄₁₆

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £3,883m allotted: £600m: Bids: £98.46% received: 60%: Last week: £98.465% received: n/a%: Avge rate: £6.1663% last wk £6.1631%: Next week: £800m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5½-5⅜	5⅜-5¼	5¼-5⅛	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⁹⁄₁₆-3⁷⁄₁₆	3⁹⁄₁₆-3⁷⁄₁₆	4¼-3¾
French Franc:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	4⅞-4¾	4-4⅞	4⅞-4¾	5-4
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1½	1¹⁵⁄₁₆-1¹³⁄₁₆	1¹⁵⁄₁₆-1¹³⁄₁₆	1¹⁵⁄₁₆-1¹³⁄₁₆	2-1
Yen:	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	½-⅜	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	½-⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $397.00-397.50 Close: $399.10-399.60 High: $399.50-400.00
Low: $395.30-395.80 AM: $396.35 PM: $399.60

Krugerrand: $399.00-401.00 (£257.50-259.50)

Platinum: $416.75 (£269.65) Silver: $5.52 (£3.565) Palladium: $128.50 (£83.15)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4884-2.5013	2.4976-2.5008	⅝-½pr	2-1⅞pr
Brussels	45.68-45.90	45.78-45.88	13-10pr	35-30pr
Copenhagen	8.5860-8.6390	8.6170-8.6390	1¼-1⅛pr	4⅛-3⅞pr
Dublin	0.9651-0.9679	0.9652-0.9678	10-7pr	25-20pr
Frankfurt	2.2229-2.2330	2.2299-2.2330	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1pr
Lisbon	230.44-231.85	231.23-231.85	23-50ds	92-136ds
Madrid	186.86-187.69	187.22-187.51	38-47ds	113-130ds
Milan	2428.0-2439.0	2432.2-2436.2	7-8ds	21-23ds
Montreal	2.0946-2.1118	2.1088-2.1118	0.18-0.10pr	0.35-0.23pr
New York	1.5412-1.5500	1.5490-1.5500	0.13-0.11pr	0.35-0.32pr
Oslo	9.7630-9.8100	9.7950-9.8100	1-⅞pr	3⅛-2⅞pr
Paris	7.6190-7.6570	7.6430-7.6570	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-2⅞pr
Stockholm	10.165-10.225	10.186-10.209	⅝-1ds	⅝-⅛ds
Tokyo	161.93-163.04	162.71-162.99	1-⅞pr	2⅞-2⅝pr
Vienna	15.620-15.748	15.722-15.748	⅝-½pr	1⅞-⅞pr
Zurich	1.7924-1.7999	1.7971-1.7999	⅞-¾pr	2⅜-2pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3422-1.3431
Austria	10.15-10.16
Belgium (Com)	29.71-29.75
Canada	1.3615-1.3620
Denmark	5.5890-5.5920
France	4.9550-4.9560
Germany	1.4455-1.4460
Hong Kong	7.7317-7.7327
Ireland	1.5965-1.5975
Italy	1576.75-1577.75
Japan	105.40-105.50
Malaysia	2.5635-2.5645
Netherlands	1.6187-1.6192
Norway	6.3470-6.3500
Portugal	149.93-150.03
Singapore	1.4238-1.4248
Spain	121.42-121.54
Sweden	6.6088-6.6163
Switzerland	1.1642-1.1652

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5440-1.5466
Australia dollar	2.0722-2.0745
Bahrain dinar	0.5750-0.5870
Brazil real*	1.5018-1.5060
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6925-0.7025
Finland markka	6.6700-6.7860
Greece drachma	359.75-366.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.9408-11.9478
India rupee	54.65-55.61
Indonesia rupiah	3499.00-3567.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4565-0.4665
Malaysia ringgit	3.9601-3.9629
New Zealand dollar	2.3314-2.3346
Pakistan rupee	52.90 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5500-5.6740
Singapore dollar	2.1995-2.2017
S Africa rand (com)	5.5470-5.6490
U A E dirham	5.6000-5.7240

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	923	Land Secs	314
ASDA Gp	18,000	Legal & Gn	297
Abbey Ntl	4,800	Lloyds TSB	9,600
Allied Dom	732	Marks Spr	3,000
Argos	1,900	NatWst Bk	3,000
Argyll Gp	1,500	Nat Grid	3,400
AB Foods	591	Nat Power	2,000
BAA	1,600	P & O	2,700
BAT Inds	7,700	Pearson	716
BOC	333	Pilkington	3,400
BP	10,000	PowerGen	443
BSkyB	670	Prudential	2,300
BTR	13,000	REXAM	1,100
BT	7,100	RMC	1,800
Bk of Scot	620	RTZ	2,100
Barclays	7,400	Rank Org	4,000
Bass	798	Reckitt Col	902
Blue Circle	2,100	Redland	1,600
Boots	723	Reed Intl	1,600
BAe	1,000	Rentokil	569
BA	2,900	Reuters	1,500
Brit Gas	21,000	Rolls Royce	13,000
Brit Steel	5,400	Royal Ins	1,600
Burmah Cstl	613	Ryl Bk Scot	1,500
Burton	1,600	Sainsbury	10,000
Cable Wire	3,500	Schroders	97
Cadbury	1,500	Scot & New	735
Carlton Cms	1,600	Scot Power	2,500
Cm Union	731	Svrn Trent	1,700
Cookson	4,800	Shell Trans	4,200
Courtaulds	739	Siebe	889
Dixons	3,600	SmKl Bch	2,800
Enterpr Oil	4,700	Smith Nph	2,500
For & Col IT	936	Smiths Inds	658
Forte	25,000	Sthern Elec	968
GKN	262	Std Chartd	2,200
GRE	1,700	Sun Allnce	4,300
GUS	666	TI Gp	954
Gen Acc	1,500	Tate & Lyle	1,100
Gen Elec	9,000	Tesco	3,800
Glaxo Well	3,800	Thames W	143
Granada	8,800	Thrn EMI	913
Grand Met	3,400	Tomkins	5,800
Guinness	1,000	Unilever	498
HSBC	1,600	United Utils	377
Hanson	12,000	Vodafone	10,000
ICI	912	Whitbread	1,100
Kingfisher	1,900	Wlms Hld	1,100
LASMO	1,100	Wolseley	1,300
Ladbroke	5,800	Zeneca	1,500

WALL STREET

	Jan 12 midday	Jan 11 close
AMP Inc	38⅝	39¾
AMR Corp	70⅜	70⅞
AT & T	65⅝	65⅞
Abbott Labs	40⅝	40⅞
Advanced Micro	17⅝	17¾
Aetna Life	66⅝	67⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	24⅝	24⅞
Air Prod & Chem	54⅝	54⅝
AirTouch Comm	28⅝	28⅞
Alberto-Culver B	33	33⅞
Albertson's	32⅝	32⅞
Alcan Aluminm	29⅞	29⅞
Alco Standard	43⅞	44⅝
Allied Signal	47⅝	48
Alum Co of Am	50⅝	51¼
Amax Gold Inc	8⅛	8⅛
Amerada Hess	53⅝	53⅞
Amer Brands	44	44
Amer El Power	42	42⅞
Amer Express	39⅞	39⅝
Amer Genl Corp	33⅞	34⅛
Amer Home Pr	95⅝	95⅞
Amer Intl	91¼	91¼
Amer Stores	25	25⅜
Amer Standard	27⅝	27⅝
Ameritech	55⅝	56⅞
Amoco	70	70⅝
Anheuser-Busch	66¼	66
Apple Computer	33⅝	38
Archer Daniels	17⅝	17⅞
Armco	6	6⅛
Armstrng Wrld	62⅞	63
Asarco	28⅞	28⅝
Ashland Oil	35⅝	35⅝
Atl Richfield	112¼	114
Auto Data Pro	38⅝	39⅛
Avery Dennison	48⅝	49
Avon Products	73⅝	73⅝
Baker Hughes	23⅝	23⅝
Baltim Gas & El	28⅝	28⅞
Banc One	35⅝	35⅝
BankAmerica	60	59⅞
Bank of NY	44⅝	44⅛
Bankers Tr NY	63⅝	64⅞
Barnett Banks	55⅝	55⅞
Bausch & Lomb	38⅝	38⅜
Baxter Intl	41⅞	42⅝
Bectn Dickinsn	74⅝	75
Bell Atlantic	68⅞	68⅞
Bell Industries	21	20⅞
BellSouth	41¼	42⅛
Black & Decker	32⅞	31⅛
Block (H&R)	37	37⅝
Boeing	77⅛	77⅛
Boise Cascade	34	34⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	81¼	81¼
Browning Ferris	30⅞	30⅞
Brunswick	21¼	22⅝
Burlingtn Nthn	74⅝	75⅝
CNA Financial	111¼	111⅛
CPC Intl	68¼	68⅝
CSX	44	44⅝
CCH A	55⅝	55⅝
Campbell Soup	59	59⅝
Can Pacific	18⅝	18⅞
Cpd Cities ABC	123⅞	124⅛
Carolina Pwr	34⅞	34⅛
Caterpillar	58⅛	59⅞
Central & Sw	27⅞	27⅛
Champion Intl	41	41¼
Chase Manhat	56⅝	56⅞
Chemical Bk	54	54⅝
Chevron Corp	52⅝	53⅝
Chrysler	51¼	53⅜
Chubb Corp	101⅛	101¼
Cigna Corp	108	105⅝
Citicorp	62⅛	62⅛
Clorox	70⅞	70⅝
Coastal Corp	35⅝	36⅛
Coca Cola	72⅝	73⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	69⅞	69⅝
Columbia Gas	42⅝	43⅝
ColumbiaHCA	51¼	52⅞
Compaq Comp	46⅝	47
Comp Ass Intl	54¼	56⅝
Conagra	42⅝	42⅞
Conrail	69⅞	70⅛
Cons Edison	32⅝	32⅝
Cons Nat Gas	44⅝	43⅞
Cooper Inds	34⅝	34⅞
Corestates	36⅝	36⅝
Corning Inc	28⅝	29⅞
Crown Cork	41¼	41¼
Dana Corp	28⅝	28⅞
Dayton Hudson	73⅞	74
Deere	33⅝	34⅝
Delta Air Lines	70⅛	70⅝
Deluxe Corp	27	27⅝
Detroit Edison	34⅛	34⅛
Digital Equip	59⅝	58⅛
Dillard Dept St	29⅝	29⅝
Disney (Walt)	60	60⅝
Dominion Res	42⅞	42⅛
Donnelley (RR)	35⅝	36⅛
Dover Corp	38⅛	38⅛
Dow Chemical	70⅝	70⅛
Dow Jones	39⅝	39⅛
Dresser	24⅞	24⅝
Duke Power	47⅞	47⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	63⅞	64⅞

	Jan 12 midday	Jan 11 close
Du Pont	71¼	71¼
Eastman Kodak	66⅛	66¼
Eaton Corp	54⅝	53⅝
Emerson Elec	79⅝	79⅞
Engelhard Corp	22⅛	22⅞
Enron Corp	37	37⅝
Entergy	29⅝	30⅛
Ethyl Corp	12⅝	12⅝
Exxon	79⅞	80⅝
FMC Corp	67⅝	68⅛
FPL Group	45⅞	45⅞
Federal Express	71¼	73⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	120⅝	122⅝
First Interstate	131	130⅝
First Union Rlty	7⅛	7⅝
Fleet Finl Grp	39⅝	39⅞
Fluor Corp	63⅝	64⅞
Ford Motor	27⅝	28⅞
GTE Corp	44⅝	44⅞
Gannett	60	59⅞
Gap Inc Del	45⅞	46⅛
Gen Dynamics	58⅞	58⅝
Gen Electric	70⅛	70⅞
Gen Mills	57⅞	57⅝
Gen Motors	49	49⅝
Gen Reinsurance	150⅞	151
Gen Signal	32⅝	32⅝
Genuine Parts	40⅞	40⅛
Georgia Pac	67⅝	68⅛
Gillette	52⅞	52⅞
Glaxo Welc ADR	26⅞	26⅞
Goodrich (BF)	69	68⅞
Goodyear Tire	43⅝	43⅞
Grace (W&R)	55	54⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	19⅝	19⅝
Great Wstn Fin	24⅞	24⅝
Halliburton	47⅛	46⅝
Harcourt General	40⅝	40⅝
Heinz (HJ)	32⅞	32⅝
Hercules	56⅛	55⅞
Hershey Foods	64⅛	65⅞
Hewlett Packard	78⅛	79⅝
Hilton Hotels	66⅝	69
Home Depot	43⅛	43⅞
Homestake Mng	17⅛	17⅝
Honeywell	46⅝	46⅝
Household Intl	54⅝	57⅞
Houston Inds	24⅝	25
Humana	26⅞	26⅛
ITT Corp	48⅞	48⅞
Illinois Tool	53	52⅞
Illinova	29⅝	29⅞
INCO	31¼	32
Ingersoll Rand	36	35⅞
Inland Steel	26	25⅝
Intel Corp	55⅝	56⅞
IBM	86⅞	87⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	47⅞	47⅛
Intl Paper	38⅛	38⅛
James River Va	23⅞	23⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	85⅞	83⅞
Kellogg	74⅝	74⅝
Kerr-McGee	61⅝	62⅝
Kimberly-Clark	78⅝	78⅝
Kmart	7⅛	7⅝
Knight-Ridder	62⅞	59⅞
Lilly (Eli)	51¼	50⅞
Limited Inc	16⅝	16⅝
Lincoln Nat	50⅞	50⅝
Litton	47⅞	47⅞
Liz Claiborne	27⅞	28⅝
Lockheed Martin	74⅝	76
Louisiana Pac	23⅝	24
MCI Comm	26⅞	26⅝
Marriott Int	38⅛	38⅝
Marsh & McLen	85⅝	85
Masco Corp	28⅝	28
May Dept St	43⅝	43⅝
Maytag Corp	18⅝	19⅛
McDonalds	43	44⅛
McDonnell D	92⅝	94⅝
McGraw Hill	85⅞	86⅛
Mead Corp	52⅝	53⅝
Medtronic	47⅞	47⅞
Mellon Bk	48⅞	49⅞
Melville Corp	29⅝	30
Merck Inc	61⅛	61¼
Merrill Lynch	50⅞	50⅞
Microsoft	89⅞	86⅞
Minnesota Mine	64⅝	65⅝
Mobil Corp	110⅝	112⅝
Monsanto	117⅝	119⅝
Morgan (JP)	75⅞	76⅛
Motorola Inc	49⅝	50
Natl Semi	16⅞	16⅝
Natl Service Ind	33⅞	33⅝
Navistar Intl	11⅛	11⅛
NY Times A	28	28⅝
Newmont Mng	51⅛	52
Niag Mohawk	9⅛	9⅛
Nike B	66⅛	68
NL Industries	13⅞	13⅝
Noram Energy	8⅝	8⅝
Nordstrom	41⅛	41⅝
Norfolk Sthrn	78⅞	78⅛
Nthn State Pwr	50	50⅞
Norwest Corp	31⅛	31⅛
Nynex Corp	50⅞	50⅞
Occidental Pet	21	21¼
Ohio Edison	23⅝	23⅝

	Jan 12 midday	Jan 11 close
Oracle	41¼	41¼
Oryx Energy Co	12⅝	12⅝
Owens Corning	42⅞	42⅞
PPG Industries	45⅝	45⅝
PNC Bank	29⅝	29⅞
PP&L Res	24⅝	25⅛
Paccar Inc	45	45⅞
Pacificorp	21⅛	21⅛
Pac Enterprises	27⅛	28
Pac Gas & Elec	27⅞	27⅞
Pac Telesis	32⅝	33⅝
Pall Corp	26⅝	26⅝
Panhandle East	27	27⅛
Parker Hannifin	35⅛	36
Penn Energy	30⅝	30⅝
Penney (JC)	45⅝	45⅞
Pennzoil	40⅝	41⅛
Pepsico	55⅝	55⅝
Pfizer	62	61¼
Pharm & Upjhn	36⅝	36⅝
Phelps Dodge	58⅝	58⅝
Philip Morris	88⅝	87⅛
Phillips Pet	33	33⅝
Pitney Bowes	44	44⅝
Polaroid	47⅞	47
PriceCostco	16⅝	16⅛
Procter & Gmbl	84⅝	85⅞
Providian	41¼	41¼
Pub Serv E & G	30⅝	30⅝
Quaker Oats	33⅝	33⅝
Ralston Purina	58⅝	59⅞
Raychem Corp	52⅝	52⅝
Raytheon	46	46⅝
Reebok Intl	26⅛	26⅛
Reynolds Metals	51	52
Rockwell Intl	52⅝	53⅛
Rohm & Haas	66	66
Royal Dutch	137⅞	137⅝
Rubbermaid	26⅛	26
SBC Comms	55⅞	55⅞
Safeco Corp	33⅞	33⅞
St Paul's Cos	56⅝	56⅝
Salomon Inc	35⅝	35⅝
Sara Lee Corp	30⅞	30⅝
Seecorp	18	18⅝
Schering Plough	53⅞	53⅞
Schlumberger	66	67
Seagram	35⅝	35⅝
Sears Roebuck	43⅝	42⅝
Shell Trans	78⅝	79⅝
Sherwin Wlms	39⅞	40⅛
Skyline Corp	20⅛	20⅞
Snap-On-Tools	43⅝	43⅝
Southern Co	24⅝	24⅝
Sprint Corp	39⅝	40
Stanley Works	48⅞	49⅝
Sun Company	26⅛	26⅞
Sun Microsys	40⅝	42⅝
Suntrust	64⅝	64⅝
Supervalu	31⅝	31⅝
Sysco Corp	30	29⅝
TRW Inc	78⅛	77⅝
TCC Inds	2⅝	2⅝
Tandem Comp	10	9⅞
Tandy Corp	38⅝	39⅝
Teledyne	26⅛	26⅝
Temple Inland	43⅝	43⅛
Tenneco	47⅞	47⅝
Texaco	77⅝	77⅛
Texas Inst	46	47⅝
Texas Utilities	40⅞	40⅞
Textron	73⅝	72⅝
Time Warner	39	40⅝
Times-Mirror A	32⅞	32⅝
Timken	39⅝	39⅝
Torchmark	43⅝	43⅞
Toys R Us	22⅞	23
Transamerica	72⅝	72⅝
Travelers	58⅝	57⅝
Tribune	58⅝	58⅝
Tyco Labs	33⅛	33⅞
UST Inc	33⅝	32⅝
UAL	159⅞	160⅝
US Inds	17⅝	17⅝
USX Marathon	19⅛	19⅝
Unicom	33⅞	33⅝
Unilever NV	140	142
Union Camp	46⅛	46⅝
Union Carbide	39⅝	40
Union Pacific	67⅞	67⅛
Unisys Corp	6⅝	6⅝
USAir Group	13	13
USF&G Corp	15⅞	16⅝
US Life	30⅝	30⅞
United Tech	91⅝	92
Unocal Corp	28⅝	28⅞
VF Corp	50	51
WMX Tech	29⅝	29⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	22⅝	23
Warner-Lambert	89⅝	90
Wells Fargo	205	203⅛
Westinghouse El	18	18
Weyerhaeuser	43⅞	43⅝
Whirlpool	52	52⅝
Whitman	22⅝	22⅞
Winn Dixie	35⅝	35
Woolworth	10⅞	10⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	52⅝	52⅝
Xerox	131¼	131⅝
Yellow Corp	12⅝	12⅛

هكذا من الأصل

PLAN AHEAD 33

New earners should start saving now

WEEKEND MONEY

POWER SHARES 36

In the dark about switching off

PRIVATISATION SPECIAL

Grim policy of smaller bonuses

Marianne Curphey on the continuing cuts to annual returns from endowment plans

The 17 million people in the UK who own an endowment policy are being told to brace themselves for bad news when their annual bonuses are announced. More life companies are tipped to follow the trend set by Norwich Union, Scottish Life, Friends Provident and Commercial Union who have cut or frozen bonus rates within the past eight days. Rapid growth in the UK stock market during the 1980s, when annual returns were frequently between 25 and 30 per cent, pushed up yields on policies maturing this year or in the next couple of years. But the lacklustre performance of the stock market in the early 1990s, means policies with a ten or 15-year term taken out within the past five years will struggle to match current yields of about 15 per cent being paid on personal pension policies.

Industry observers say that companies will be unable to sustain high payouts to the end of the decade, and blame life companies for paying "over-generous" bonuses during the 1980s. Some consolation for policyholders is that inflation at 3.1 per cent is lower than it was during the 1980s, and in real terms less capital is being eroded. In 1980, inflation was 18 per cent, and fell steadily to 5 per cent in the mid-1980s before rising to 7.5 per cent at the end of the decade. Norwich Union defended the bonus freeze, saying with-profits policies were "designed to smooth out these peaks and troughs of volatile investment markets".

However, Geoffrey Bernstein, a consulting actuary, gave a warning that the industry would find it increasingly difficult to achieve current 15.6 per cent yields on pension products taken out 20 years ago. He said: "In order to pay the investor 16 per cent net of expenses, life companies need to be making around 18 per cent return. That was relatively easy in the 1980s when returns were a phenomenal 25-30 per cent. Over the last ten years, however, pension funds have returned an average 12.5 per cent, while over five years that figure is nearer 9 per cent. If you started a 15-year policy in 1985, you would have had a few good years in the 1980s, but then some mediocre returns in the early 1990s. I would be surprised if companies make a return of more than 10 per cent over the next five years, and that means payouts will have to come down." He said figures from Commercial Union showed terminal bonuses now being paid on products bought on or before 1970 were equivalent to 45 per cent of the sum assured and bonuses, while those bought in 1980 or later, were equivalent to 15 per cent.

The table shows yields for policies maturing this year from four companies that have already declared bonuses.

HOW YOUR MONEY GROWS

	Term (years)	Payout (£)	Matrty	Yield (%)	1995 (%)
Norwich Union					
Endowment	10	10,265	1996	10.4	(10.3)
Pension plan	15	132,973	1996	15.9	(16.6)
Scottish Life					
Endowment	10	9,234	1996	8.4	(8.9)
Pension plan	15	119,500	1996	14.8	(15.5)
Commercial Union					
Endowment	10	10,292	1996	10.4	(11.4)
Pension plan	15	111,028	1996	13.8	(14.9)
Friends Provident					
Endowment	10	10,109	1996	10.1	(10.9)
Pension plan	15	132,212	1996	n/a	(136,711)

Figures for the with-profits endowment returns based on a male aged 30 next birthday, contributing £50 a month. Pension plan figures assume a male, aged 50 next birthday, contributing £200 gross monthly and planning to retire at 65. 1995 figures in brackets.

ANGUS MEWSE

Looking into the future

Under new rules introduced after the pensions mis-selling scandal, life and pension houses are obliged to quote standard projected growth rates to prospective customers (Marianne Curphey writes). This means companies are unlikely to predict the final payout on a policy based on current growth rates and bonuses and which was taken out this year for a ten-year term.

The rules governing life products mean companies can quote returns on growth rates of 5 per cent and 10 per cent, or a middle rate of 7.5 per cent if only one rate is quoted. For pensions, the rates are 6 per cent, 12 per cent or a middle rate of 9 per cent. Under the new rules on disclosure, investors must also be told the charges they will have to pay as a cash figure.

Commercial Union, using a growth rate of 9 per cent, estimates a payout for a with-profits unitised pension for a man aged 50 next birthday, intending to retire in 15 years' time and paying £200 a month would be £62,500 — just over half current payouts. Norwich Union predicts a return of £63,300.

Life assurance policies pay a fixed sum on the death of the insured, or extra bonuses or annuities on retirement.

They mature after a fixed period. A term policy provides life cover for the period specified. Endowment policies provide both life cover and a guaranteed sum on maturity. Two types of bonuses are:

☐ Reversionary bonus — also known as annual bonus, is the variable extra amount companies add to with-profits policies and are paid for by extra profits made on investments. Once declared, it cannot be withdrawn. Some are made every couple of years.

☐ Terminal bonus — an additional non-guaranteed sum paid at the end of a with-profits life policy or on the insured's death.

Weekend Money is edited by Anne Ashworth

Clear message from Woolwich

In Yorkshire, Peter Robinson, chief executive of the Woolwich Building Society, is not a popular man. Earlier this week, as it became clear that the Woolwich was poised to reveal its flotation plans, the pace of account opening at the society increased twentyfold. More than 70 per cent of this money came from Yorkshire. But none of these new customers will enjoy the society's share bonanza, which will be reserved for those who were members of the society at the end of last year.

Yesterday, the society said that many of the opportunists were already closing their accounts. None has, to date, threatened the society with legal action. The Building Societies Commission said that the Building Societies Act permitted a society to set any merger or flotation payout qualifying date it pleased.

In his announcement on Thursday, Mr Robinson made it clear that only those qualifying investors and borrowers who were with the Woolwich on December 31, 1995, will receive free shares when the society becomes a bank in 1997. The average payout will be about £1,000.

After his announcement that no "carpetbaggers" would benefit from the flotation largesse, Mr Robinson said that his long-standing members sympathised with his stand. Earlier this week, some were heard to tell newcomers in branch queues that speculators were unwelcome at the Woolwich.

Mr Robinson also points out that the December 31 cut-off date was set with tax-exempt special savings account (Tessa) holders in mind.

About 25,000 Tessa accounts matured between January 1, and January 10, 1996. Some investors have opted to transfer their Tessa cash to new Tessa accounts with the society but have withdrawn the accumulated interest. Since they had been loyal customers of the society for five years, it would have been unfair to penalise them by using their opening Tessa balance (maximum £9,000) to calculate their share entitlement. This is £3,000 less than the value of their matured Tessa.

The Woolwich share issue will be largely based on the Halifax model. But the Woolwich has not yet decided whether it will raise additional capital on flotation by selling shares to outsiders. Borrowers and savers will qualify for the Woolwich payout if they have at least £100 in one of the society's share accounts, or £100 outstanding on a mortgage account at December 31, 1995. The account must remain open until the conversion date and the member must also be eligible to vote on the conversion. Certain accounts and products which do not carry membership rights (see page 31) will not qualify.

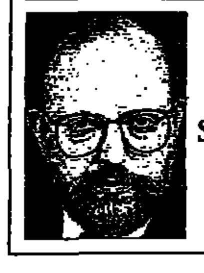
If you are both a borrower and a saver, you will receive shares in both capacities. Those with more than one account will receive only one payout, although the balances will be added together to determine the total. Those with less than £100 in a qualifying account may receive a statutory cash bonus.

Woolwich savers who are

Continued on page 31, col 4

Flotations make a splash

PERSONAL INVESTOR



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

This year promised to be a bumper one for stock market flotations even before the Woolwich declared. That does not mean it will be a great year for private investment in new issues. This year, even bigger flotations need not include a public offer or a placing through private client brokers.

There is something of a pattern to flotations. In 1993, share prices rose strongly. In 1994, the stock market was flooded with issues: up from 163 to a record 218. They raised a doubled £10 billion. But share prices fell through 1994 and the slide was exacerbated by a series of duds, whose early stock market lives served mainly to sour the repute of investment houses involved.

Overall, newly quoted shares still fared better on average than the indices. But that was not saying much. Institutional investors staged a ragged strike. Not surprisingly, flotations dried up in 1995. Over a year of generally rising share prices, just 85 newcomers raised £2.6 billion. Neil Austin of KMPG Corporate Finance, who compiles these figures, reckons that the buoyant market conditions of 1995 will spawn a fine new crop in 1996, when many companies' profit records have been flattered by several years of recovery.

The new issues market is, however, not the happy hunting ground it was for private investors. Many ambitious company founders used to come to market. They were happy to give investors a discount to earn friends. Cautious profit forecasts, effortlessly beaten, created a good impression for the future when they aimed to go on to bigger things. The pattern is much altered. Building societies are one special case. Millions will earn a windfall from the Halifax, the Woolwich and doubtless the Alliance & Leicester too. But private investors will generally be sellers. 1996 promises two more hefty privatisations. The pricing and fate of British Energy and Railtrack are political. If they proceed, instant gains may be the best, because both face regulatory pressure.

A series of communications groups is scheduled, led by Orange, the mobile telephone network, and probably including Diamond Cable and the smaller People's Phone. Many of these will offer jam tomorrow but only projections today. The object is to raise money and put a market value on investments already made by promoters. They want the highest sale price. Private investors, sick of Eurotunnel and Euro Disney, may well leave these to institutions that have more faith in notional arithmetic. In recent years, many flotations have been the final element of a management buyout or buy-in backed by venture capital houses, which must maximise profits on flotation. These are often popular, because they have had so much top-notch support and the backing house retains a big stake. There have been disasters, such as Barings' MDIS software house and an unhappy trio from Legal & General Ventures.

Shares in the L&G-backed detergent group McBride, floated six months ago, fell off the cliff this week, knocked over by a profit warning. They fell nearly as far as shoe components group Chamberlain Phipps in October. A month earlier, investors who bought Aerostructures Hamble shares at 120p in June 1994 accepted a 32p rescue bid.

David Rough, L&G investment boss, is unhappy but argues that these failures have nothing to do with the venture capital process. Chamberlain Phipps and McBride, along with others, proved vulnerable to the unexpected economic slowdown. But such companies are sometimes shed by bigger groups because they are cyclical and have no special growth prospects. Other venture capital houses, such as CINVen, claim their babies have outperformed the stock market. A league table, based on two or three-year performance, would be a useful guide.

Meanwhile, private investors, no longer wanted at the big boys' table, should stick to the old rules. Back individuals with good original ideas, products or marketing, a decent record, and an unsated hunger to succeed.

"Ordinary PEPs and TESSAs used to be all the rage.

But then so were Morris Minors."

Introducing the MoneyBuilder range. The new generation of savings has arrived.

There's big news from Fidelity.

For the first time in years, investments have taken a giant leap forwards with the MoneyBuilder range – there should be a fund for you, whatever your investment needs.

Each MoneyBuilder fund offers great value, with no entry or exit fees and low annual management charges. If your circumstances change, there's free switching between the funds. And all from the world's largest independent investment manager.

MONEYBUILDER CASH

- Invests in secure cash deposits, not equities.
- A generous interest rate of 6.0%'.
- An ideal alternative to a building society standard access account.

MONEYBUILDER INCOME

TAX FREE

- High tax-free income – 7.8%''.
- Invests in corporate bonds, so can offer a lower level of risk than traditional equity PEPs.
- From launch, MoneyBuilder Income has proved to be the best value corporate bond PEP available.

MONEYBUILDER INDEX

TAX FREE

- Brand new fund from Fidelity. Fixed price offer starts 10th January 1996.
- Designed to track the performance of the UK's 100 largest companies, like Marks & Spencer and British Airways, quoted in the FTSE 100 index.
- With an annual management fee of 0.5%, there's no better value index PEP available.

MONEYBUILDER PLUS

TAX FREE

- An international hand-picked selection of Fidelity's own funds.
- Proven performance, with an average tax-free growth of 15.9%* per year over the last 5 years.
- A perfect investment for those who want to invest around the world.

For a world of investment opportunities, call Fidelity on the number below today. And bring your investments up to date.

0800 41 41 71

Callfree 8am-8pm. Open 7 days.
Or contact us on http://www.[illegible].com.uk

Fidelity Direct™

Take a wiser line with your money.

*Source Micropal, offer to bid, gross income reinvested to 1.1.96. If you call Fidelity and you receive advice this will only relate to the products offered by Fidelity Investment Services Ltd or a member of its marketing group. Past performance is no guarantee of future returns. The value of units and income from them may go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested. Tax assumptions may be subject to future statutory change and the value of tax savings and eligibility to invest in a PEP will depend on individual circumstances. The MoneyBuilder Range consists of the MoneyBuilder Index and Income Funds, Fidelity Cash Trust and Fidelity MoneyBuilder all of which are managed by Fidelity Investment Services Limited. All companies within the Fidelity marketing group are regulated by IMRO and the Personal Investment Authority. All yields are estimated and not guaranteed. ''Estimated gross income calculated on 2.1.96. Redemption yield is 7.1%. 'Gross estimated Compound Annual Rate (CAR) as at 2.1.96 assuming income reinvested. Net CAR 4.5%. Issued by Fidelity Investments Limited. TMB8

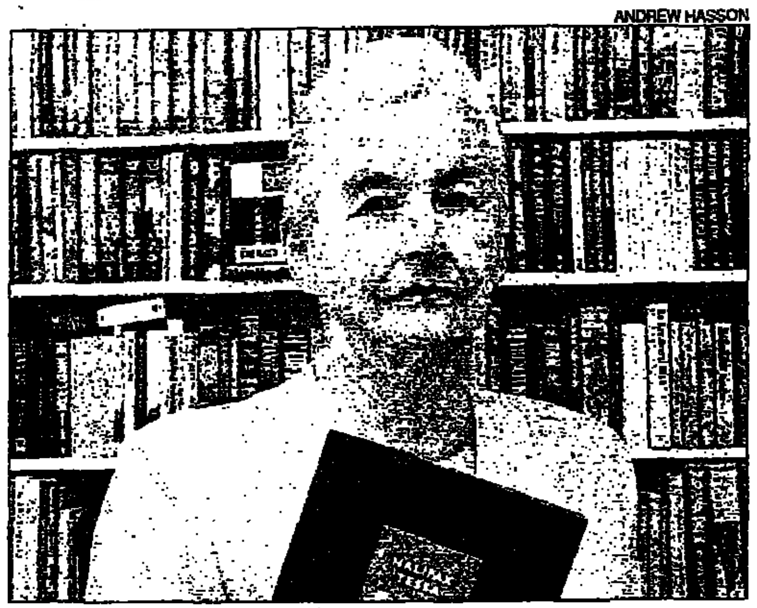
For those who would like independent financial advice, Fidelity products are also available through Independent Financial Advisers.

Caroline Merrell takes a look at disappointing maturity values

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Halifax customer Ronald Winskell lost interest on his Tessa because he paid by building society draft

ANDREW HASSON



Saver Margaret King did not obtain the maximum maturity value

Tessa shortfall upsets Halifax savers

The Halifax has angered many of its savers by making it almost impossible to achieve the maximum quoted maturity value on its tax exempt special savings account (Tessa). *The Times* was the first to highlight discrepancies between the amounts promised to savers and the amounts actually received.

Early last month, the society produced a figure of £12,050, as the maturity value for a Tessa, where the £9,000 maximum had been invested.

Later in the month, the society revised the figure, saying that it would pay its one million Tessa savers a maximum of £12,040. There are two explanations for the revision. The first that interest rates fell in the second half of December: the second, that the Halifax had failed to calculate its figures correctly.

This revised amount would still make the Halifax one of the better performing accounts, outstripping many rivals, such as the Bristol & West, Leeds & Holbeck and Yorkshire Building Society.

This week, the Halifax recalculated the maximum maturity for the third time, and came up with a final and hopefully definitive figure of £12,038.37 for the maximum maturity.

Yet, many *Times* readers who felt they had done everything to ensure they would get the maximum amount from their Halifax Tessa have failed to achieve this final figure because of the way in which maturity values are calculated.

Their attempts to get an explanation from the society have left them baffled. Even the society admits that "only a handful" of its savers will receive this maturity.

For many the issue is less the shortfall between the amount they have received, and more the failure of the society to explain the difference. Some have been so annoyed that they have decided to take out funds from the society and reinvest elsewhere — action that will jeopardise their eligibility for shares when the Halifax floats in 1997.

To get the full amount, Halifax savers must have pre-registered with the society before the start of 1991 — this would have qualified them for a £30 sweetener. They must have started their account on January 1 — almost impossible: it was a Bank Holiday, although the Halifax claims that it did make it possible to backdate interest payments by one day. Savers would have then had to reinvest the maximum sum on the anniversary of the original investment.

The investment limits for Tessas are £3,000 in the first year, and £1,800 in years two, three, four and five up to a maximum of £9,000. If the instalments were made by cheque on the anniversary date, interest would have been calculated from the day the funds actually cleared.

Cheque clearance times in 1991 were longer than they are today, and at that time interest rates were in the region of 13.5 per cent — one day's loss of interest on a £3,000 investment would be about £1.10.

The Halifax Tessa paid bonuses of 1.5 per cent at the end of year one, 1 per cent at the end of year two, 0.75 per cent at the end of year three, 0.5 per cent at the end of year four and 0.25 per cent at the end of year five. It also paid a bonus of £100, if the maximum lump sum was invested each year.

Margaret King, from Bexhill, East Sussex, is one of the aggrieved Halifax savers.

She took out her Tessa on the first date she could — January 2, 1991. She transferred the maximum amount each year directly from another Halifax account. When her Tessa matures she will get £12,037.61 — slightly short of the revised maximum.

She said: "I find it impossible to believe that anyone could have invested on the January 1. When I contacted the branch to find out why the amount differed from the maximum you could achieve, they seemed unable to give any sort of explanation."

She is also confused by the maturity values given by the Halifax for Tessas taken out by her sister and daughter. They both opened accounts with the Halifax on January 12. Her daughter's Tessa will hit a maturity figure of £12,024: her sister's Tessa will produce less — £11,994.

Halifax said that the difference between the maturity achieved by Mrs King's sister and her daughter could be explained by the pre-registration fee.

Mrs King's own Tessa failed to achieve the maximum because it was started on January 2. Ronald Winskell, from south London, is another irritated Halifax customer. He started his Tessa on January 3, 1991. He would have received £143 less than the maximum from his maturing Tessa. After reading the article last week he decided to check his maturity.

"I found that they had not paid me the £30 pre-registration bonus," he said. He also found that he had lost interest because he had paid by building society draft. "I transferred funds using a building society's draft from the Chelsea Building Society. The interest would be calculated when funds were cleared, which could have taken a few days."

He added: "It does not say in the literature anywhere about payment in cash. Anyone who lives in south London knows it is not a good idea to walk around with large amounts of money in your pocket."

He said: "I can believe that late cleared funds could mean shortfall of about £90, but that still leaves £23 unaccounted for."

Mr Winskell is also angry at what he considers to be the low rate of interest offered on the Halifax's new variable rate Tessa, which is 5.9 per cent. "There are much better rates available from elsewhere," he said. "The only reason I am staying with the Halifax is because of the shares I should get from the flotation."

YOUR INVESTMENT AND THE SOCIETY FLOTATION

HALIFAX Tessa savers will have to take into account the shares they will be eligible for under the terms of the society's floatation, before they decide on where to reinvest the proceeds from their Tessa. The number of shares each member will be eligible for will depend on the amount of money they hold with the Halifax.

Shares will be allocated in two tranches — *there will be a basic* distribution of shares for those with at least £100 in share accounts, and there will be variable distribution of shares based an the total amount held with the Halifax.

Shares will be distributed according to a series of narrow bands for those who hold between £1,000 and £50,000 with the society.

The variable distribution will be based on the lower of two balances between November 25, 1994, and the date of a special general meeting to vote *on the conversion.*

This date has yet to be decided, but could be more than a year ahead. Members will be given several weeks notice of the meeting, allowing them to top up accounts to their November 25 level to make sure they get the maximum number of shares.

In theory, then, if those with maturing Tessas are not attracted by the Halifax's 5.9 per cent variable rate, or the 7 per cent fixed rate (the rate will actually be fixed on the day the account is opened), they can reinvest their money elsewhere *and not lose out on the free shares.* But they must maintain an account with the society and top it up before the special meeting to the November 25, 1994 level.

A QUESTION OF MONEY

Will all that glisters in 1996 be gold?

Q Does the recent bounce in the gold price mean that the metal is going to shine in 1996?

A It depends on whom you believe. Salomon Brothers, the US securities house, predicts that the gold price will average $415 this year, an increase from the 1995 average of $385. The firm freely admits that it got gold wrong in 1995, having forecast that it would break through the $400 barrier.

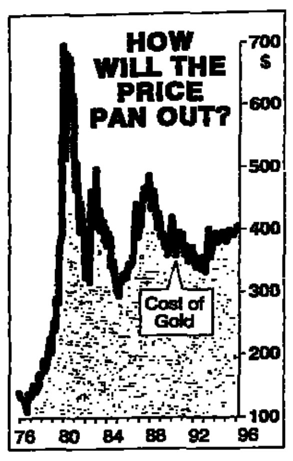
Given gold's failure to perform over the past couple of years, in spite of favourable conditions, including low interest rates, the gold bears may be more persuasive. Andy Smith, gold analyst at Union Bank of Switzerland, finds no simple reason why gold should have risen by $10 since the beginning of the year, taking the price above $395 for the first time since April 1995. He believes that even if the metal breaks through the $400 level, it will still end the year at about $365.

There were some indications in the New York market that the price rise was caused by US funds getting out of bonds and into gold, but there is no firm evidence to prove this. Mr Smith comments: "With gold, there isn't always a reason why."

Q Why, in spite of optimistic forecasts, did gold fail to perform in 1995?

A The various observers take different views. For example, Salomons notes that there was a surge in jewellery demand in the Far East and the Middle East and a decline in goldmine production, both factors which should have led to a rise in the price of gold.

Golden Ninja Turtle trinkets were all the rage among Saudi Arabian children, while, in Japan, TV pictures of the Kobe earthquake showed a woman discovering her store of gold coins intact amid the ruins. For Japanese investors this episode underlined gold's unique qualities. But, according to Salomons, forward selling by goldmines acted to depress any buoyancy in the price. The producers agree to sell gold at a price slightly higher than the ruling level for future delivery, so locking in a profit. Mr Smith points out that Japanese demand was only strong in the first quarter of the year, spurred by the earthquake and social disquiet. Thereafter, demand fell to below normal levels.



Q Why should the situation improve this year?

A Salomons claims that the gold market is now in a chronic supply deficit, with mine production and scrap supply falling short of demand. Mr Smith, however, questions the strength of demand, particularly in China, where investors are spurning gold in favour of savings accounts. He also points out that the gold price is not solely determined by supply and demand. Investor sentiment is a more powerful powerful influence on price.

He adds: "Gold may seem to have been resurrected but the feeling that it has still got one foot in the grave is hard to shake."

ANNE ASHWORTH

Return to savers: postal accounts can offer better rates

Posting a profit for the armchair investor

These days you arrange your car insurance, mortgage and personal loans over the telephone and even check your bank balance in the middle of the night. So how about opening an investment account directly with the building society, with the benefit of a better rate of return. Postal accounts offer a higher rate of interest than ordinary building society accounts — basically because that's all they offer.

With such low administration costs, often accompanied by a notice period for withdrawals, societies can offer competitive rates. With postal accounts, as elsewhere, the more money you invest the better the rate of interest. In some cases, the minimum investment is extremely high. Take the Direct 50 postal account launched by the Newcastle Building Society: minimum investment, £100,000.

In return you get 6.9 per cent growth per annum (5.52 per cent net for basic rate taxpayers). Interest can be paid monthly, but at a lower rate of 6.65 per cent (4.99 per cent net). Maximum investment is £300,000 and withdrawals are subject to 50 days notice or a penalty of the loss of 50 days interest.

Jane Harrison, of the Newcastle, says: "*Traditionally people liked to walk through the* doors and to do any business face to face. But in the last few years more and more people want to deal by post. People's lifestyles have changed. The industry realises that customers want to deal by phone or by post and this is one way of responding to that." On Wednesday, Norwich and Peterborough Building Society launches its second postal account, *Postal 90*. Minimum investment is £5,000 and interest rates range from 5 per cent gross per annum to 6 per cent for balances of £50,000 and over. Withdrawals require 90 days notice, whereas the society's other postal account PostMaster gives instant access but lower rates. Alison Lipscombe, of the Norwich and Peterborough, says: "We were one of the first to offer a postal account and it has been consistently popular. They appeal particularly to retired people who have substantial amounts of money to invest, but who may not be able to easily get to a branch."

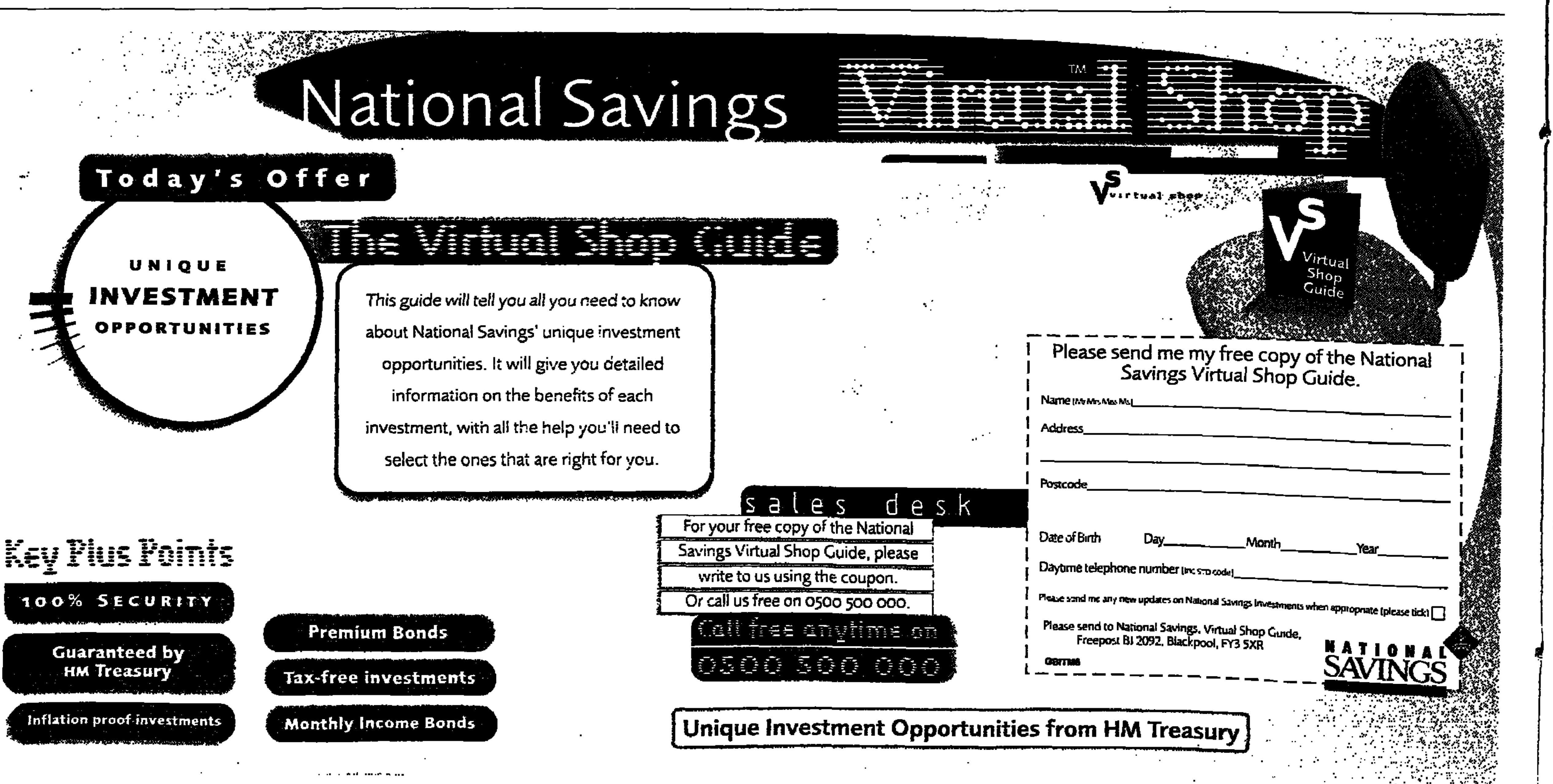
It is worth remembering that the interest rate on offer is variable and, especially these days, could drop. James Higgins, of Chamberlain de Broe, the financial adviser, says: "Products are launched with a splash and a high rate but after a while societies know they can cut that rate and keep a majority of account holders largely through inertia." Building societies are keen to reassure customers that they are still committed to the branch network. But some analysts see it as the thin end of the wedge. Penny O'Nions, of De Havilland, the financial adviser, says: "It does mean smaller branches will disappear."

SARAH JONES

ANSWERS ON POSTAL ACCOUNTS

Q. What is a postal account?
A. A building society account where all transactions are conducted by post.
Q. How do I open one?
A. Telephone the society to request an application form. You will be sent pre-paid envelopes and a pass book.
Q. Is there a security risk?
A. The societies say not. There are security checks on the account holder's address, where the pass book and cheques would be sent.
Q. Do all societies have them?
A. Less than a third, including: Birmingham Midshires (0645 720721): Bradford & Bingley (0345 248248): Bristol & West (0800 303330): Cheltenham & Gloucester (0800 717505): Coventry (0345 665522): Nationwide (0800 665511): Newcastle (0191 2442442): Northern Rock (0500 505000): Norwich & Peterborough (01733 391497): Nottingham (0115 948 1444): Scarborough (0800 590578).

Source: Moneyfacts



National Savings Virtual Shop™

Today's Offer

UNIQUE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Virtual Shop Guide

This guide will tell you all you need to know about National Savings' unique investment opportunities. It will give you detailed information on the benefits of each investment, with all the help you'll need to select the ones that are right for you.

Key Plus Points

100% SECURITY

Guaranteed by HM Treasury

Inflation proof investments

Premium Bonds

Tax-free investments

Monthly Income Bonds

sales desk

For your free copy of the National Savings Virtual Shop Guide, please write to us using the coupon.

Or call us free on 0500 500 000.

Call free anytime on 0500 500 000

Unique Investment Opportunities from HM Treasury

Please send me my free copy of the National Savings Virtual Shop Guide.

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)________________

Address________________

Postcode________________

Date of Birth Day______ Month______ Year______

Daytime telephone number (inc STD code)________________

Please send me any new updates on National Savings Investments when appropriate (please tick) ☐

Please send to National Savings, Virtual Shop Guide,
Freepost BJ 2092, Blackpool, FY3 5XR

NATIONAL SAVINGS

هكذا من الأصل

Playing the Mutual Lottery

COMMENT

ANNE ASHWORTH

Personal Finance Editor

The Woolwich's announcement that it is seeking a stock market *quote* came as something of a relief. Since its plans to convert were an open secret, its coy act was becoming irritating. When it becomes a public company, the Woolwich should remember that being forthright is an attractive quality in a mutual or any other sort of body.

Those who opened Woolwich accounts this month and miss the right to free shares will be arguing that the society should have made its intentions clear sooner. This is certainly true. Some will also object to being called "carpetbaggers", perhaps an unfair way to describe those wishing to join Britain's second-favourite gamble, the Mutual Lottery. However, Peter Robinson, the Woolwich's chief executive, acted properly to protect the interests of the society's long-term savers, who are infinitely more numerous and deserving.

The 3.5 million Woolwich members who will benefit will be overjoyed to find that they will be, on average, £1,000 richer by September 1997, the proposed date for the flotation.

However, it now seems possible that they may not need to wait that long for their windfall. The Woolwich — always seen as a predator, seeking out other tasty mutuals — could now become prey. Europhobe Woolwich stalwarts may not like the idea of their society being bought by some continental institution, a widely predicted move. Such scruples will vanish at the sight of the cash. After all, National & Provincial members should be picking up their *cash this summer*, only a year after the takeover deal for their society was made public.

The Woolwich directors' decision to exclude all those who opened an account after December 31 1995 should be good news for their counterparts at the Alliance & Leicester. The £1,000 now needed to open an A&L Tessa, or the £5,000 for a Bonus 90 or Bonus 180 account is already deterring the "carpetbaggers" (not my phrase, you understand).

Any "carpetbaggers" will be further discouraged by the thought that the A&L *may* also impose a cut-off date, giving it more time to settle differences of opinion *among its bosses, and to* finalise flotation details.

Confirmation that the Woolwich had finally decided to relinquish its mutual status came in hints made to customers in its branches earlier this week. Anyone contemplating transferring the proceeds of a matured Tessa to a competing society was told that they might be kissing goodbye to a payout.

Those with Tessas from the Britannia, the Bristol & West, the Northern Rock and the Skipton should also ponder the wisdom of taking their cash elsewhere. The extra bit of interest earned in a competitor's account will not be equal to the flotation or merger bounty you could collect if these four abandon mutuality.

Fortunately, there is, to date, no confusion over the maturity values of these societies' Tessas. As we report on page 30, such has been the equivocation over the final figure for a Halifax Tessa that a few investors have threatened not to open new accounts with the society, so forgoing a *four-digit sum in free* shares. No better example will emerge this year of cutting off your nose to spite your face.

Left out in the cold by travel insurance

It was the worst snowstorm in 48 years, blanketing the US east coast from Virginia to Massachusetts in up to four feet of snow, the airports were closed for two days and I was stuck in New York. "At least I'll be able to move off your sofa and into a hotel," I told my friends as we watched the skiers on Broadway. After all, I had taken out travel insurance and knew there was a "delay" clause for just such *an emergency. But like many* others I discovered that my Bradford & Bingley plan did not cover it.

Rich Gordon shovels snow off the roof of his home

It wasn't easy, or cheap, to find out how little cover I had. The annual multi-trip travel insurance booklet does have a freephone number for the US, but it is primarily for emergency *medical* assistance. In order to find out if the £600 accommodation limit for travel delay would apply, I had to call the UK.

It was early evening UK-time when I rang the 24-hour assistance line and was told that, as my question was not about a medical emergency, I would have to ring Guardian Insurance in the morning. The next day I rang Guardian and was put on hold twice before being told that I had to call another number. Again, my long-distance call was put on hold twice. Eventually I was told: "We're not liable for weather. All you can claim is travel delay. The hotel is down to the airline."

Bradford & Bingley's policy will pay £20 after the first 12 hours' delay and an additional £10 for each subsequent 12 hours up to a maximum of £100. By my calculations, my four-day delay will yield compensation of £80. This will help with the unexpected cost of eating out for four days, but it would barely make a dent in the cost of four nights in an hotel in a city where a room for under $100-a-night is considered a bargain.

Bradford & Bingley will pay up to £600 in accommodation for travellers who cannot return home, but only as the result of a scheduled public service breakdown or an accident or mechanical failure to a car in which you are travelling which prevents you getting to the airport. Although public transport had ground to a halt, Bradford & Bingley said the extra compensation did not apply. There was little comfort from American Airlines, who said, "If we had cancelled the flight through mechanical failure we would pay for an hotel but the weather is out of our control." Luckily, I had friends in the city; others *did* not.

KAREN ZAGOR
in New York

Speculators receive clear message

Continued from page 29

under 18 will not get shares, as the law does not allow them to take part in the flotation vote. But they will get the cash bonus, the amount they receive being based *on a percentage* of their account balance, not at December 31, 1995, but at a date yet to be determined. To prevent parents paying large amounts into their offspring's accounts, the Woolwich has ruled that the balance in a child's account can now only be increased by a maximum of £1,000, excluding *interest*.

The society is determined to learn the lesson of the Abbey National who gave children 4 per cent of their balances, without limit. Parents took full advantage to fill their children's accounts to the brim.

The Woolwich will be making a basic and an additional variable distribution of shares. Only those who have been investing members for two years will qualify for the variable distribution.

The amount of variable distribution shares savers will receive is to be based on the lower balance in their accounts on December 31, 1995 and at least one other date, yet to be determined.

■ *Accounts and products which do not qualify: Deposit accounts, including Time Deposits, Current Account, all unit trust products, including Peps, all life products, including Guaranteed Income Account/Bond, all Woolwich Guernsey Accounts, personal unsecured loans, all general insurance products. Woolwich information line 0345 022033.*

صكنا من الاصل

ANNOUNCEMENT

M&G is proposing to launch a new Investment Trust in February this year. This will be available for investment in The M&G PEP for a limited period only.

It will provide an opportunity for you to invest your tax free PEP allowance for both the current tax year and for the 1996/97 tax year - a total tax free investment of up to £12,000.

FREE

The new edition of the M&G Handbook is now available, giving details of M&G's range of PEPs, Unit Trusts, Savings Plans and Regular Income Plans.

For details return the coupon or telephone (24 hour literature service)

0990 600 613.

To: The M&G Group, Bristol BS38 7ET. Please send me a free copy of the new M&G Handbook and details of the new M&G Investment Trust.

NO SALESMAN WILL CALL.

You should contact your independent financial adviser (if you have one) before investing. The price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up. The value to you of the tax benefits will depend on your own circumstances. The tax regime of PEPs could change in the future.

Mr/Mrs/Miss INITIALS SURNAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE DF-NAACSC

M&G does not offer investment advice or offer any recommendations regarding investments. We only market the packaged products and services of the M&G marketing group.

Issued by M&G Financial Services Limited (Regulated by The Personal Investment Authority.) M&G Unit Trusts are managed by M&G Securities Limited. (Regulated by IMRO and The Personal Investment Authority.)

We never make your name and address available to unconnected organisations. We will occasionally tell you about other products or services offered by ourselves and associated M&G Companies

Tick the box ☐ if you would prefer not to receive this information.

M&G

Managing your money for the longer term

THE M&G PEP

CASHING IN YOUR ENDOWMENT ?

IT'S EASY TO GET MORE

We regularly pay up to **30% MORE*** than the surrender value for with profits endowment and whole life policies.

Life Company Offered £8,396
Policy Portfolio Price £10,750

*For policies which are at least 6 years old and have a surrender value greater than £2,000.

Don't lose out - contact Policy Portfolio Plc today.

Regulated by the Personal Investment Authority

POLICY PORTFOLIO T1318

TEL: 0181 343 4567 Lines Open 24 Hours - 7 Days a week
Gadd House, Arcadia Avenue, London N3 2JU

MORE CASH

FOR YOUR ENDOWMENT.
CALL SEC MONEYLINE NOW
0181 207 1666.

SEC will pay you much more money than the surrender value. Don't lose out on that extra cash!
Phone now quoting advertisement ref: T130196.
Your policy must be at least 8 years old.
FAX: 0181 207 4950

If in doubt seek expert advice.

SEC

SECURITISED ENDOWMENT CONTRACTS PLC
SEC House, 49 Theobald St., Borehamwood, Herts WD6 4RZ.

3 FREE issues of Moneywise

PLUS FREE 'Tax-Free Saving Guide' and 'Pension Planner' when you apply within 7 days.

The only personal finance magazine you'll ever need!

Now you can enjoy the UK's best-selling personal finance magazine FREE for 3 months. Take advantage of expert advice on how to spend, save, invest and plan for the future. Subscribe today by completing and returning the Direct Debit form below. We won't charge your account until you've received your 3 free issues. By then we believe you'll find it indispensable.

Save £4.80 on our annual cover price

What's more, MONEYWISE will start saving you money straight away – not only are your first 3 issues absolutely FREE but your subscription will be just £6 a quarter, a saving of £4.80 on the published annual price of £28.80. Why hesitate? Subscribe at once for a richer future.

YOU'LL GET INDEPENDENT AND JARGON-FREE ADVICE EVERY MONTH

• Expert advice from experts in banking, investment and pensions • Best buys – that will truly enrich your spending • Increased earning power– reliable tips from blue chip companies to alternative investments • Frank information on your rights as a taxpayer, investor, mortgagee and consumer • Increased returns on all your investments • Monthly features and in-depth investigations • A complete picture of share movements and house prices

[illegible]

OFFER CLOSES JAN 30

YES! Please send me the next 3 months issues of Moneywise – FREE!

I understand that if I do not wish to continue after my three months free trial, I can cancel this order at any time before payment is due on 1st April and not owe you anything. But if I decide to continue, I need do nothing - my subscription will bring me MONEYWISE each month at the current price of £6 a quarter, paid by Direct Debit. Instruction to your bank/building society. Please pay Moneywise Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee.

Bank/Building Society Account in the name of (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

Signature Date

Name and address of your Bank/Building Society

Postcode

Bank/Building Society Account No.

Bank/Building Society Sort Code

Originator's Reference No. [illegible] Banks/Building Societies may not accept instructions to pay Direct Debits from some types of account.

Please fill in your name and address

Initials Surname

Address

Postcode

8307

120014 LAST

Please return this coupon FREE to: Moneywise, FREEPOST 34, Berkeley Magazines Ltd., Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AB.

Find out why pension plans are not all the same.

Perhaps you think that all pension plans are the same. If you do, then you would be making a big mistake. Here are some of the reasons why you should consider an Equitable Pension Plan.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE:

- **Pays no commission to third parties for the introduction of new business.**
- **Has no shareholders.**

OUR PENSION PLAN:

- **Lets you retire earlier or later than planned – without penalty.**
- **Lets you vary your contributions – without penalty.**
- **Provides full return of fund in the event of death before retirement.**

So, if you would like to find out more about how The Equitable Pension Plan is not the same as most others, call us direct on Aylesbury (01296) 26226 or send off the coupon below for more information by post and by telephone.

Information/advice will only be given on Equitable group products
Regulated by the Personal Investment Authority
THE EQUITABLE LIFE, FREEPOST, WALTON STREET, AYLESBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HP21 7BR

To: The Equitable Life, FREEPOST, Walton Street, AYLESBURY, Bucks HP21 7BR
I would welcome details on The Equitable's pension plans. I am self employed ☐
I am an employee not in a company pension scheme ☐ TMRA6A

NAME (Mr Mrs Miss)
ADDRESS

Tel. (Office)
Tel: (Home)
Date of Birth

Founded 1762

Postcode

We guarantee that no company outside The Equitable Group will receive these details. If, however, you would prefer to receive no further information from us please tick the box ☐

The Equitable Life
You profit from our principles

Plain Speaking Home Insurance

Want home insurance without being robbed?

UP TO
32% OFF
Already competitive Buildings premiums

+

UP TO
35% OFF
Home contents premiums

We've slashed up to 32% off our buildings insurance premiums to provide even better value. What's more, if you take out contents insurance with Prudential at the same time, you will receive a 15% discount, plus a further 20% off if you're over 50. With savings like these, it's no wonder over 90% of our customers renewed their policies last year.

Find out how much you could save. Call now for a free quote. PLUS a FREE home security video.

With compliments from Prudential

YOURS FREE

Talk to Prudence.

Freephone 0800 000 000.

Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and from 10am to 2pm weekends.
For your protection, calls on this number will be recorded. Please quote reference GAC 109.

PRUDENTIAL

"Legal & General now has the best-value UK Tracker Fund PEP..."

Money Marketing, 23rd November 1995.

Now we're even better value.

Legal & General can now offer *PEP investors even better value.* We've reduced the annual charge on our Index-Tracking PEP to only 0.5% p.a. And there are still no initial charges or withdrawal fees to pay.

Reliable performance that's hard to beat.

When it comes to performance you'll also find us hard to beat. By tracking the FT-SE-A All-Share Index – the broadest measure of the UK stock market – we aim to provide reliable above average performance.

In fact, most actively managed PEPs fail to match the FT-SE-A All-Share Index with any consistency*

MANAGEMENT CHARGES CUT TO JUST 0.5% P.A.

•

NO INITIAL CHARGES

•

NO WITHDRAWAL FEE

•

A NEW PEP FREE FOR A YEAR

A free PEP if you invest before April 5th!

If you invest in a Legal & General Index-Tracking PEP before April 5th 1996 – or transfer funds from an existing PEP – we will refund your first year's management charge on it if you also invest with us in a 1996/97 Tax Year PEP. So you could have a new PEP free for a year!

Call now on 0800 11 66 22 or return the coupon today for further information.

*Source: Micropal. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Both capital and income values may go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount invested. All statements are correct as at 4.1.96. Full written details are available on request.
Legal & General (Unit Trust Managers) Limited. Registered in England No 1009418. Registered Office: Temple Court, 11 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 4TP
Regulated by IMRO and the Personal Investment Authority

CALL 0800 11 66 22 FREE

7 DAYS A WEEK 8AM TO 10PM. PLEASE QUOTE REF. TP162

Post to: Legal & General (Unit Trust Managers) Limited, FREEPOST KT4 474, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey KT2 6BR.
Please send me full written details of the new Legal & General Index-Tracking PEP.

NAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE TELEPHONE NO

If you already have any PEP investment, please tick here ☐

We never make your name and address available to unconnected organisations. We will occasionally tell you about other products or services offered by ourselves and associate Legal & General Companies. Please tick this box if you would prefer not to receive this information ☐

Legal & General

trust us to deliver

Those with a head for the market are divided, some throwing their hats in with the bears, others with the bulls

Waiting for gilts to deal good hand

Last year was something of a bonanza for investors in government securities. Five-year gilts showed a return of about 13 per cent, ten-year gilts about 17 per cent, and longer-dated gilt returns hit the 19 per cent mark.

The returns for investors in 1995 contrasted dramatically with those in the previous year, which was a particularly bad 12 months for the gilts market. In January last year, most commentators managed to predict correctly that gilts would rally *strongly. No such* consensus exists on the prospects for this year.

Stephen Lewis, director of research at London Bond Broking, said the big returns experienced by gilt investors last year were unlikely to be repeated because of the proximity of the general election. He said: "At the beginning of last year, the market expected robust growth, with inflationary pressure, and interest rates were expected to rise. In fact the opposite happened, economic growth slowed down and interest rates fell."

Mr Lewis believes this year will be a much riskier one for investors. The latest figures from retailers point to some recovery in consumer demand, which could lead to an increase in inflationary pressure and interest rates, he said. "The uncertainty about Labour fiscal policy could also make it a very difficult year."

However, he thinks short-dated gilts, maturing in two to three years' time, could be good for savers. "They are yielding about 6.64 per cent, which is much better than many deposit rates," he added.

Theodora Zemek, fixed-interest manager at fund manager M&G, believes the current rally in the gilts market will continue over the next year.

She said: "The bulk of the rally in the market came at the end of last year. A general election will make some difference, but there has been a gradual appreciation in the City that new Labour is not quite the disaster it was the last time round."

Her tip for this year is that long-dated gilts will show total returns of 12 to 14 per cent, on the back of falls in interest rates. Justin Urquhart Stewart, managing director of Barclays stockbrokers, takes the opposite view: "The market is just too *risky. We are not* at all bullish about the immediate future in the gilts market."

Eric Hathorn, a director of stockbroker Henderson Crosthwaite, said: "Just looking at the fundamentals, there may be further cuts in interest rates. The gilt market should respond favourably."

He thinks the political uncertainty has been overdone, and a Labour Government would not prove to be disastrous in terms of inflation and, therefore, interest rates.

CAROLINE MERRELL

POP INTO THE POST OFFICE

A CHEAP and easy way of buying gilts is through the National Savings Stock Register. You can access this service through any post office branch. *For purchases of under £5,000, the service costs 0.6* per cent, with a minimum £5 charge (sales do not carry a minimum charge). For £5,000 and more the service costs £30, plus 0.35 per cent of the amount above £5,000. One other advantage of using the stock register is that the income earned on the Government stock is paid gross of tax, which means non-taxpayers do not have to go through the rigmerole of claiming their tax back.

Strips market in place

FROM the beginning of next year, a new type of security based on giltswill be available to private and institutional investors alike (Caroline Merrell writes).

By the start of 1997, the Government is aiming to put in place the regulations necessary to create a "strips" market.

Creating a strips market, as the name implies, involves breaking up a gilt into its two component parts — the capital, or "principal", and the income, or "coupon".

Gilts pay a fixed guaranteed income, and guarantee to repay the capital at maturity.

Investors in the strips market will pay a price today for the guaranteed income, or for the guaranteed capital which will be paid in the form of a lump sum at some point in the future.

The guarantees make the strips market ideal for those who know they have as liability in the future, eg, school fees or a mortgage.

The delay in setting up a strips market was caused by a dispute about whether investors should pay tax on the stripped income.

You found Tessa attractive but have you seen her sister?

"She's only with the Woolwich"

Now you can reinvest your TESSA capital and interest tax-free with the Woolwich.

Remember when you first set eyes on TESSA? The attraction was instant - your capital guaranteed and high interest completely tax-free.

Well, here's a new TESSA. And she's just as attractive, offering a current return of up to 7.05%, totally free of tax.

Now let us introduce her sister - the new Woolwich Corporate Bond Personal Equity Plan (PEP). A high income, low-risk investment offering an estimated 7.1%* annual yield and, again, absolutely tax-free. And there's no initial charge.**

The exciting thing is, with the Woolwich, you can take them both out at the same time. Reinvesting your capital in our new TESSA and the interest you earned from your first TESSA in our new Corporate Bond PEP. With all the gains 100% tax-free.

To find out more, simply pop into your local Woolwich branch. One of our advisers will be on hand to explain the benefits of reinvesting your TESSA with the Woolwich. Or, if you prefer, give us a call now on the freephone number below, or cut the coupon and we will send you an information pack.

*Estimated gross annual yield at 20th October 1995. Estimated gross redemption yield: 7.1% per annum. The first income payment, where required, will be made on 31st October 1996. **Offer is valid until 30th April 1996

It's good to be with the
WOOLWICH
BUILDING SOCIETY

CALL 0800 22 22 00 FREE

To: Woolwich Building Society, Customer Response Unit, Freepost (DT 98), Kingswood House, Sidcup, Kent DA14 4BR.
I'd like more details of the Woolwich TESSA and Corporate Bond PEP

Name

Address

Postcode

TJ 13.1.96

Telephone

FOR INVESTMENTS IN WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED'S CORPORATE BOND PEP, THE VALUE OF YOUR INVESTMENT AND INCOME RECEIVED IS NOT GUARANTEED AND CAN GO DOWN AS WELL AS UP. PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY A GUIDE TO FUTURE PERFORMANCE.

TESSA: This account is available to all previous TESSA holders who have held a TESSA which has reached the end of its five year term, provided the account is opened within six months of the maturity date of the first TESSA. The rates of interest are variable and are currently as follows: up to £6,599 6.10% tax-free; £6,600-£8,999 6.55% tax-free and £9,000 and above 7.05% tax-free. Interest will be credited to your account on 1st January each year. During the term, withdrawals from this account shall be limited to the amount of interest credited to the account less a sum equivalent to income tax on such interest at the basic rate prevailing at the time the interest was credited to the account. If withdrawals are made in excess of these limits, the account will lose its tax-exempt status and will terminate. All withdrawals are subject to normal branch limits. Tax-free means free of income tax. Proof of identity may be required. Full terms and conditions are available on request from any Woolwich branch. Corporate Bond PEP: Woolwich Building Society represents only the Woolwich Marketing Group which is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority and IMRO for Unit Trust business and the Personal Investment Authority for Life Assurance business. Woolwich Unit Trust Managers Limited is a member of the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds. Any advice or recommendation provided will only relate to products offered by the Woolwich Marketing Group. Principal Office of Woolwich Building Society and Registered Office of Woolwich Unit Trust Managers Limited: Corporate Headquarters, Watling Street, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7RR. All references to taxation are to UK taxation and are based on the Society's understanding of UK law and Inland Revenue practice as at 5th April 1995. Tax reliefs referred to may change and their value will depend on your own financial circumstances.

T4

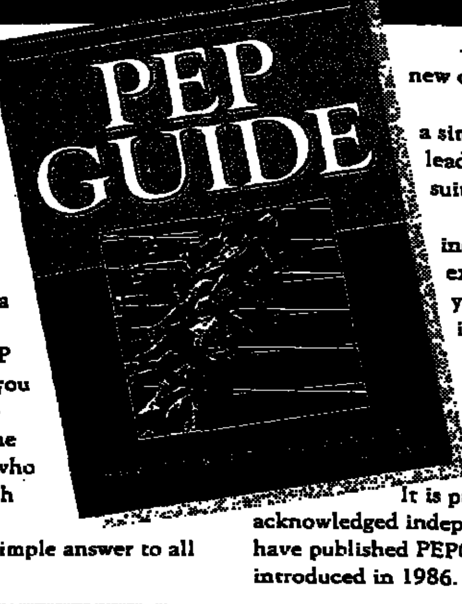
HOW TO KEEP YOUR PEPS ON TRACK

PEPs have been the investment success story of the last decade. There are now nearly 1,200 schemes available and an estimated *£22 billion invested in them.*

PEPs are right for most people – but choosing the right one to match your needs can be a problem.

How do you pick your PEP from the hundreds on offer? Do you need a growth PEP or an income PEP: a managed PEP or one of the new corporate bond PEPs? And who are the best plan managers; which schemes are the top performers?

Fortunately there is one simple answer to all these questions. PEPGUIDE.



THE BEST SELLING PEPGUIDE

Described by the Financial Times, Sunday Times and the Mail on Sunday as 'the bible of the PEP industry', PEPGUIDE covers almost 1,200 PEPs including the new corporate bond PEPs.

PEPGUIDE takes you through a simple, step-by-step process – leading you to the PEP which best suits your requirements.

PEPGUIDE covers charges, income frequency, yields, share exchange facilities – in fact, all you need to know before you invest in a PEP.

PEPGUIDE also gives you up-to-date Performance Charts, published twice a year and sent to you in January and July.

It is published by Chase de Vere, the acknowledged independent experts on PEPs – they have published PEPGUIDE since PEPs were first introduced in 1986.

HOW TO BUY YOUR PEPGUIDE

PEPGUIDE costs only £12.95 for 204 pages packed with information. You can place your credit card order now.

WIN A CASE OF VINTAGE VEUVE CLICQUOT CHAMPAGNE

If, after receiving your PEPGUIDE, you then take out any PEP through Chase de Vere, we will refund your £12.95. And you will also have the chance to enter our vintage Veuve Clicquot competition - the winners will receive a 12-bottle case worth over £500.

CALL NOW FOR YOUR PEPGUIDE
0800 526 092
FREEPHONE LINES OPEN 8 AM – 10 PM

CHASE DE VERE
INVESTMENTS PLC
REGULATED BY THE PERSONAL INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

Please return this coupon to: Chase de Vere Investments PLC, FREEPOST, Mitre House, Canbury Park Road, Kingston-upon-Thames KT2 6BR
Please send me ☐ copies of the 1996 PEPGUIDE @ £12.95 each inc.p&p.
I enclose £.................. Cheque to be made payable to 'PEPGUIDE' or please debit my VISA/ACCESS account No:

☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Expiry Date

Signature

Name

Address

Post Code

Tel No

DOB

هكذا من الأصل

After graduation, students are to be encouraged to save as soon as they find a job. They can pay into a Personal Social Fund from their first day at work

New earners can save for their future

The Government is considering a radical plan to encourage first-time earners to save for their future. Under the scheme, graduates would start paying into a Personal Social Fund from their first day at work.

To steer graduates away from welfare dependency, tax breaks would be among the incentives on offer. Savers would be able to access their money at any time in their career. Tony Baker, of the Association of British Insurers, said: "Financial services only look at the top third of the population. We want to extend that downwards. People living at home may have a lot of disposable income at this stage. Why shouldn't they be encouraged to save?"

Certainly, the average starting salary is impressive, at £14,362 last year, up 6 per cent on 1994, according to the Association of Graduate Recruiters. It forecasts that this figure will rise to £15,000 next year.

Starting salaries among City-based graduates are even higher. Employees of multinational companies are earning as much as £25,500 in their first year, according to Guy James, graduate manager at Barclays in London's Square Mile. He says half of first-time earners will start saving before they reach their second year. The more sophisticated will invest in a fixed rate bond.

Graduates fortunate enough to have found work, who have repaid their university debts, usually start saving six months into their new career, according to Lloyds Bank. To help first-time earners to make the most of their salary *Weekend Money* has asked a panel of IFAs to offer their advice.

MORAG PRESTON

WHY IT PAYS TO START SAVING

BRIAN CONNELL, Grant Thornton: "I would first recommend a monthly saving to a bank or building society to provide an emergency fund equivalent to three months' earnings in case the job doesn't reach expectations. If property purchase is contemplated, a deposit of around 5 per cent of the purchase price may be required. This could also be built up in cash through through building society savings. If a five-year time span is envisaged, use a tax-efficient Tessa to set funds aside as untouched capital."

PHILIPPA GEE, Gee & Company: "Shop around for a good bank or building society account, like C&G, which offers preferential savings or mortgage rates to customers. Work out the level of monthly savings you feel can be spared, and set up a standing order for that amount to a high-interest postal account, like Scottish Widows. Only start providing for a pension when you're sure that you're not extending yourself. Look for a contract that gives payment flexibility and low charges, as well as competitive performance. If you're looking to buy a house, try to save a large deposit, as all lenders, except C&G, charge an indemnity premium if your mortgage is more than 75 per cent of the value of your property."

[illegible]

JOHN EATON, Lupton Fawcett: "I would suggest opening a building society account with reasonable access for liquid funds and a general cash reserve such as Yorkshire's First Class Access postal account. You might also consider opening an interest paying current account such as the Woolwich Cheque Account. Open a flexible Tessa with one of the smaller societies who offer competitive rates and low minimum payments."

JAMES HIGGINS, Chamberlain De Broe: "If you're going to purchase a house within three years of employment, forget any long-term, insurance or equity-related arrangements. A postal account will be more appropriate, perhaps C&G or Northern Rock. Avoid endowments which are simply expensive insurance-linked savings plans. If that sort of saving is desired, try regular contributions into an investment trust."

With no salesmen, no commission and no hidden costs, it's no wonder people are investing in their thousands.

direct (0345) 95 95 95

[illegible] days a week from 8am to 10pm. For your free Virgin Income or Growth PEP pack, call us (at local rates), fax us on [illegible] or write to us at Virgin Direct, PO Box [illegible], FREEPOST, Norwich NR4 [illegible]. Income PEP [illegible] lump sum investment. Growth PEP minimum investment [illegible] a month or [illegible] lump sum.

Virgin Direct Personal Financial Service Ltd is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority and IMRO. The price of units and any income from them can go down as well as up. You may not get back all the money you invest. Virgin Direct does not offer investment advice nor make any recommendations about investments. We only market our own products. For your security, all telephone calls to Virgin Direct will be recorded.

FOR FULL DETAILS OF FINANCIAL ADVERTISING
IN THE **MONEY SECTION** PLEASE TELEPHONE
0171-782 7185 OR 0171-782 7718

Are you too busy earning money to make money?

● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

If you're busy working to earn your money, the chances are that you don't have the time to ensure that you're making the most of the amounts you can afford to save or invest for the future.

The market for savings and investment opportunities is so broad and complicated that it would be a full time job for you to explore and understand all the options thoroughly. And you already have a full-time job.

This means that it's frustratingly easy to miss out. You could be missing opportunities to save tax. You may have money in accounts and savings plans which offer uncompetitive growth rates. Or equally, you may be taking unnecessary and inappropriate risks with your money.

When you've worked so hard to earn your money in the first place, you deserve to know that it's working hard for you.

That's why, at Clerical Medical, we've *introduced a new service specially designed* for busy people. It's called ProVision and its purpose is to help you deal with the kind of long-term financial issues which it's all too easy to put off for another day – like maximising the return on your savings.

ProVision is not just a new service: it's a new kind of service.

It is delivered to you by a professional Financial Planner who is rewarded with a salary and a bonus that takes account of actual customer satisfaction. For details, and a free Information Pack, explaining how ProVision is different and better, call us now, free of charge on **0800 80 60 60**, *quoting ref:* **11100** *or complete and return* the coupon below.

WITH PROVISION YOU CAN:

- **develop the most tax-efficient savings strategy**
- **make sure that your savings *and investments are in line* with your long-term goals**
- ***strike the right balance between risk and potential reward***

FREE INFORMATION PACK

- When you reply, we'll send you a free Information Pack detailing how ProVision works and how it can help develop the most tax-efficient savings strategy.
- We'll also send you a stylish ProVision pen, with our compliments.

Call Free on 0800 80 60 60

About Clerical Medical & General Life Assurance Society, the company behind ProVision.

Clerical Medical & General Life Assurance Society was founded in 1824 to serve the needs of clerics and medics, the leading professionals of that time. Today, as a leading provider of pensions, investments and life assurance, Clerical Medical Investment Group manages funds of around £13 billion.

Our ProVision Financial Planners draw upon Clerical Medical's wide range of pensions, life assurance and investment plans designed for today's career-minded people. So, when you choose the new ProVision service for your financial planning needs, you can be confident you're dealing with a company of the highest quality and reputation.

Lines open 8am to 8pm Monday to Thursday, 8am to 5pm Friday and 9am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday.

Only available to residents in England and Wales.

YES, please send me a free Information Pack on financial planning with ProVision, along with my complimentary ProVision pen. Post today, without a stamp to: Clerical Medical Investment Group, Financial Planning Centre, FREEPOST, Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0AB.

PROVISION
Financial Planning for the Professional

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other) Name
Address
Postcode Date of birth / /
Telephone (home) (work)
Independent Financial Adviser (if any) 11100

Clerical Medical
INVESTMENT GROUP

Note: The terms of this offer may be repeated in the future, but cannot be guaranteed. Only one pen per household. The details you provide in response to this communication may be held by Clerical Medical on computer, and may be used to keep you informed about products and services provided by us and other organisations which we think will be of interest to you. If you prefer not to receive this information, please write to us at the above address. We may call you to make sure you have been supplied with the information you require. Only available to residents in England & Wales. The value of investments may fall as well as rise. Issued by: Clerical Medical and General Life Assurance Society. Incorporated in England by Act of Parliament with Limited Liability No. Z193. Principal Office: 15 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LQ. Enquiries to: Bristol Head Office, Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. Regulated by the Personal Investment Authority and IMRO. A member of ABI. Clerical Medical Investment Group comprises Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society and its subsidiaries who together market a wide range of savings, investment and pension products.

8.0% NET P.A. GUARANTEED
INCOME PAYABLE MONTHLY UNTIL NOVEMBER 2001

PMW
Partridge Muir & Warren

Now you can guarantee yourself a monthly income until the year 2001 with The Gold Chip Constant High Income Plan from Partridge Muir & Warren.

In association with NORWICH UNION

This brilliantly simple plan uses an annuity from Norwich Union to pay a very healthy monthly income of 8.0% p.a. net of basic rate tax (25%). These annuity payments are part interest and part capital.

Meanwhile shares in Investment Trusts, selected by PMW, aim not only to return your capital but offer the prospect of increasing it to produce a surplus, however the value of stock market investments can go down as well as up and you may not get back the full amount invested.

Post the coupon or telephone
Michael Ward at
Partridge Muir & Warren
on Freephone
0800 132 549

Note: The return quoted is correct at the time of going to press and assumes a full return of capital. Levels and bases of tax could change. You will receive no unsolicited visits or phonecalls as a result of your reply.

Please send me full details of the Gold Chip Constant High Income Plan. NU72491 TI 13/1/96

Full name: ……
Address: ……
……
…… Postcode: ……
Daytime tel no: …… Date of birth: …… I pay basic/higher rate tax

To: Michael Ward, Partridge Muir & Warren Ltd, Tolworth Tower North, Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surrey, KT6 7EL. Regulated by The Securities and Investments Board.

THE PEOPLE WITH CAPITAL IDEAS

هكذا من الأصل

of time-consuming and unsatisfactory regulation of pensions

When the going gets slow

The hopes of hundreds of thousands of people seeking compensation for bad pensions advice were boosted this week when the High Court threw out pleas from five pension providers to stay legal actions brought by six victims of mis-selling. The six can now go on to fight for compensation through the courts, bypassing the industry's slow moving review of pension mis-selling.

The providers, which included the Prudential, GAN Life, TSB Life, Hill Samuel Life and Irish Life, had argued that the six should wait for the review, ordered last year by the chief City watchdog, the Securities and Investments Board rather than going to court. They had given warning that the courts would be flooded with claims if the six were allowed to proceed.

Their pleas were turned down by the court, which argued that it would not be in the industry's interests to drag out the review. Most people would be dealt with through the review rather than the courts, said Judge Raymond Jack. Regulators insist they have designed the review so that investors do not have to go to court.

But there is growing concern over the slow progress of the review. The first compensation to the most pressing cases were due last month. But SIB and the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), which regulates most pension providers, , were forced to admit this week that only a handful of people have so far received compensation. A few cases have been individually settled.

The review was set up after an SIB-commissioned report uncovered widespread evidence of mis-selling of personal pensions at the end of 1993.

So if the review is taking so long, should you go to court instead if you think you have been wrongly advised? Or should you hold on and wait for your pension provider to review your file? We answer some of the questions you may need to ask yourself before deciding on your strategy.

Long time in the waiting room

IT is more than 18 months since the Prudential contacted Tracey Glester to update her on the progress of her claim for compensation for bad pensions advice. Her solicitor has had to threaten court action to get the Pru to release information Mrs Glester needs to pursue her claim. A meeting with the Pru was abandoned when the company could not agree a venue or to pay for Mrs Glester's solicitor. She says: "This is all typical of their attitude. If I didn't know better, I would have said they were a cowboy outfit." A Prudential salesman persuaded Mrs Glester, a nurse, to opt out of her generous National Health Service pension and take out a personal one. Now, like hundreds of thousands of others, she is pinning all her hopes on the pension review for compensation.

WEEKEND
MONEY
GUIDE

Q Why is the review taking so long?

A Pension providers are blaming the PIA for the time it took to issue guidelines for sending out questionnaires to possible victims, reviewing their files and paying compensation. They say they could not commission software to handle the adminstrative task of tracking down victims until the PIA published its guidelines, which it did not do until August 1995. Some of them also blame earlier legal action by independent financial advisers, who have until now refused to co-operate with the review on the ground that they would invalidate their professional indemnity insurance if they contacted customers, effectively admitting they were at fault.

Q But aren't all these just excuses for not having to pay compensation?

A There is certainly an element of that. But as Judge Jack pointed out, the industry has already earned itself such a bad name over the whole mis-selling debacle that it would be suicidal for it to delay compensation without good reason.

Q Yes, but I've been waiting for more than two years. When are they going to start?

A All companies should by now have sent out questionnaires to people considered by the regulators to be priority cases. These include those already retired or dependants of someone who has died, those who left their present employer's scheme aged 35 or over and are still working for that employer, and those who transferred funds from a previous employer's scheme into a personal pension aged over 55 for men or over 50 for women. The deadline for reviewing your case was meant to be December 31, 1995, but this has slipped.

Q I'm a priority case but I haven't heard anything. What should I do?

A You should contact the company which sold you the pension if you were sold it by one of the company's own salesmen. But things are more complicated if you went through an independent financial adviser, because of their argument that they would be inviting invalidation of their professional indemnity insurance if they contacted you.

This week, the issue was resolved. The PIA says that those concerned should contact the adviser. In that way, the adviser is reacting to your request.

Q But why isn't anyone forcing these people to contact me? Surely these delays are unacceptable?

A The PIA agrees that it is "slightly disappointing" that the first deadline was missed but adds: "We only ever said firms should use *their best endeavours.*" It says it will be demanding quarterly returns from all its members showing what progress they are making in dealing with the problem. The first returns are due this Monday. Firms not deemed to be making sufficient effort could face disciplinary action.

Q I'm not a priority case but I want to get this sorted out. What do I do?

A You have to contact the company concerned. Once you've done this, the company is obliged by the PIA to check your file.

Q Would it be quicker if I went to court instead?

A It may not be quicker, it may cost you money if you do not qualify for legal aid and are not supported by a trade union . But if you took out a personal pension more than six years ago or are not a priority case, you may be better off going to court. This is because you only have six years from when you were sold the pension to make a claim. If you bought your pension more than six years ago, you still have up to three years to claim from when you could reasonably be expected to know there was a problem. Most people first found out in December 1993 when news of the damning SIB commissioned report was published, giving them at least until the end of this year. If you fear you could be out of time on either of the limits (particularly likely if you are not a priority case), you should take out a protective writ against the pension provider. The writ has the effect of stopping the clock, allowing you to take court action after the limitation time has expired. Complaining through the review system does not in itself stop the clock.

If the State can't provide financial security, shouldn't you make a Resolution to keep something up your sleeve?

Taking steps to secure your financial future is probably the last thing on your mind as you ring in the New Year.

Trouble is, with less and less State money for welfare demands like pensions and support during illness, you really can't afford to put it off.

You have to plan now, and make it your resolution to do something before this growing lack of provision affects you and your family.

So where do you start? Talk to an independent financial adviser. Whatever your concerns – mortgage cover, schooling, health care – you'll get expert and impartial advice. Advice that is precisely tailored to your particular circumstances, and will answer your financial needs.

Call us today for a free information pack. And make sure there's a happy New Year on the cards. **0117 971 1177**

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

It's your future. Take control of it.

Send to: IFA Promotion Limited, 17-19 Emery Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 5PF, or call 0117 971 1177. Please send me a free information pack and a list of three independent financial advisers convenient to my work or home address below. (We guarantee that no sales person will call or phone as a result of this coupon.)

Name ____________________
Address ____________________
____
Postcode ____________ T216

The Power of Independent Financial Advice:
- An impartial choice from all the financial options available
- Expertise in savings, investments, pensions, protection
- A review of your individual needs

Wherever you see the blue sign.

This advertisement appears on behalf of Britain's independent financial advisers and has been approved by a person regulated by the Personal Investment Authority. Not all of these products are regulated by the Personal Investment Authority.

TO REFLECT OUR GLOBAL POSITION WE'VE INVESTED IN A NEW NAME

In today's rapidly changing investment markets, having superior knowledge and resources is vital. An organisation which has a genuinely global perspective can take advantage of opportunities when and where they arise.

GT has a long-standing reputation for identifying investment opportunities around the world. Our range of UK unit trusts and offshore investment funds is testimony to the expertise of our globally co-ordinated investment teams, who are based locally in the world's markets.

To reflect our established global position, we have decided to make a small and eminently sensible change – to our name. We're no longer GT, but GT Global – an additional word that defines the extra dimension we bring to the business of investment.

For further information speak to your Independent Financial Adviser. Or call GT Global on 0800 212 274.

IT'S YOUR WORLD.
INVEST IN IT.℠

LONDON FRANKFURT SINGAPORE HONG KONG TOKYO SYDNEY SAN FRANCISCO

GT Global
A Member of Liechtenstein Global Trust

GT Global Fund Management Ltd is regulated by IMRO and the Personal Investment Authority.

NEW UK INDEX TRUST PEP

THE UK INDEX.

Without the expense.

Introducing a new way to track the UK stock market, tax-free. The charges could hardly be lower: no initial fee, just 0.5%* annual PEP charge, plus 0.5% annual management charge.

Call free for an information pack, 24 hours a day

0800 317 573

Lines are open throughout the holiday

Kleinwort Benson
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Kleinwort Benson Investment Management Limited
PO Box 191 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 3LB

Member of the Dresdner Bank Group

Power on in the dark or switch off early?

From Wednesday investors in National Power and PowerGen, the privatised power generators, will be receiving reminders that the second payments on their part-paid shares are due.

With National Power shares below last March's 170p first instalment, and PowerGen showing only a modest premium on its 185p launch price, investors may be wondering what to do. Here we answer some of the questions you need to ask.

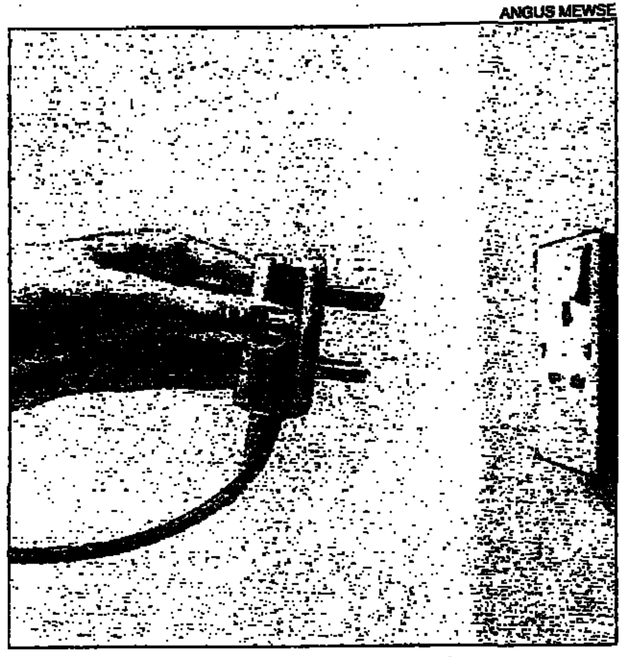
Q What do I have to pay and by when?

A Shareholders in PowerGen will have to pay a second instalment of 185p by February 6 with the third and final instalment of 142p due by September 17, 1996. For National Power investors the second instalment is 170p by February 6 and 136p in September. If you opted for the discount package offered when you first applied for the shares, the price you pay will be adjusted accordingly.

Q Why have the part-paid shares done less well than expected since flotation?

A At present levels, neither the part-paid price of PowerGen nor of National Power would seem to give shareholders much to cheer about. Having hit a peak in 1995 of 299p for PowerGen and 271p for National Power, both shares came crashing down after the electricity regulator's surprise review of the sector last summer. Since then, despite a brief rally in November, both shares have been on the slide. Dampening both part paid and fully paid shares is the referral of each of the groups' bids for regional electricity companies to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

PowerGen is at present bidding £1.9 billion for Midlands Electricity, while National Power is offering £2.8 billion for Southern Electric. The MMC's report on both bids will not be completed until March 22 when it is then given to Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, for a final decision. City analysts expect a green light.


ANGUS MEWSE

Q Should I hang on to the shares or sell?

A Hang on, say analysts and advisers. Both PowerGen and National Power have taken a battering but they promise solid returns. "In the longer term you are buying into the dominant players in the UK generating market," said Ian Graham, an analyst at NatWest Securities. Justin Urquhart-Stewart of Barclays Stockbrokers said both offer good dividend growth: "Stick with them." Part-paid shares in Peps should also be held and people who opted for bonus shares should stay in as these will be issued only after the shares have been held for three years. The expected MMC go-ahead for each of the bids will deliver further benefits to shareholders. But, said Donna Lury, an analyst at Nikko Securities, even if the bids are blocked, "both companies have a lot of cash looking for a home which could mean share buybacks."

Such a move is likely to beef up the share price further.

Q If Labour wins the next election what will happen to privatised utilities?

A With Labour's move away from renationalising pledges, utilities have moved out of the line of fire. However, the spectre of a windfall tax on the profits of the utilities remains, but if implemented, this is likely to hit water and regional electricity companies hardest. Power generators are already operating in a competitive market and it is expected they would have less to fear.

Q If I do want to sell can I do so before the second payment is due?

A From Wednesday shareholders will receive notice of the second payment due. This "call notice" is a key document if you want to sell your shares. Between January 17 and 26 you can take the notice to an accepting broker to sell the shares. Most big brokers, including high street banks, building societies and telephone dealing services, will be accepting part-paid shares. You may find small brokers will not take them, so it is important to check in advance to avoid missing the January 26 sell-by deadline.

Q Where can I get further advice?

A Two hotlines have been set up. Both operate from Monday in normal working hours. For questions on PowerGen shares call 0117 976 3005, while for National Power call 01903 503 733.

Q What happens if I miss the deadline?

A If you neither sell your shares nor pay the second instalment due on February 6, you forfeit your shares.

This means they are repossessed by the Government via The Treasury, which subsequently sells them in the market. You get this price less a deduction to cover the costs of administration.

Q How have PowerGen and National Power fully paid shares performed?

A They have risen 189 per cent for PowerGen and 150 per cent for National Power. On dividend performance, they are among the top performers.

WEEKEND MONEY
PRIVATISATION SPECIAL

Sharelink is offering a minimum half-price commission charge of £10 to readers of *The Times* who wish to sell their partly-paid shares. The offer is open until January 19. Call 0121 200 2242, citing *The Times* discount to qualify.

CAPITAL GROWTH UP TO 100%

AFTER 6 YEARS
FREE OF BASIC RATE TAX
PLUS 100% RETURN OF CAPITAL GUARANTEED

EXTRA GROWTH BOND from Major UK Financial Institution is available on a "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED" basis. For details call

01273 821177 (24 hrs)

RJ TEMPLE PLC
FREEPOST (BR 1987)
BRIGHTON BN1 1ZZ
Regulated by the Personal Investment Authority

To reach the highest level in any field of world competition takes years of hard work and consistent performance.

It's a concept Perpetual understands only too well. This consistency has seen us collect thirty-five offshore investment awards over the last five years.

In addition, in the last three years alone, the international investment achievements of our investment advisers have resulted in over 40 industry awards, and they've been named The Sunday Times International Unit Trust Manager of the Year four times in the last six years.

WORLD-CLASS PERFORMANCE

Yet, perhaps surprisingly, we don't have a prescribed investment policy. Instead, we give our teams of highly experienced investment advisers the flexibility to make their own investment decisions within their particular areas of expertise. Then we monitor their performance very closely.

All we insist on is consistent success.

Backed by world-wide research and sophisticated investment databases, our global investment performance is hard to beat.

Eight of our ten offshore funds are in the top 25% of their sectors for their performance since launch, four are sector leaders and seven have been awarded a top AAA rating by qualitative fund management analysts, Fund Research Limited.

Wherever you're looking to invest, Perpetual is committed to helping you make the most of your investments.

Perpetual

For more information on our range of offshore funds, telephone our Customer Services Department on +44 (0) 1534 607660 or send a fax on +44 (0) 1534 38918. Alternatively, fill in the coupon below.

To: Perpetual Unit Trust Management (Jersey) Limited, PO Box 459, d'Hauteville Chambers, Seale Street, St Helier, Jersey, JE4 8WS, Channel Islands.
Please send me details on Perpetual's range of Offshore Funds.

Important: *Please print clearly* Print Name Mr/Mrs/Ms ______________________ Address ______________________

______________________ Postcode ______________

TIM 13/01/96

6 out of 6 funds are in the top 25% of their sectors for their performance over 5 years. Positions are to 1st January 1996 and are on an offer-to-offer US Dollar basis, inclusive of reinvested income, net of withholding taxes (source: Micropal). Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the income from it can go down as well as up (this may partly be a result of exchange rate fluctuations) and you may not get back the amount invested.

SELLING AN ENDOWMENT POLICY?

Get More Cash, and a Faster Professional Service

Neville James *Leaders in Service and Price*

For an immediate evaluation of your with-profit policy which must have been in force for at least 5 years
No minimum surrender value
Please Quote Ref: MBT

Telephone 0173 023 3000 Fax 0173 023 3333

E-Mail: Best Price@Neville-James.co.uk Web Pages: WWW.NEVILLE-JAMES.CO.UK Compuserve: 100131,377

Neville James Ltd, Pages Court, Petersfield, Hants, GU32 3HX
Regulated by the Personal Investment Authority

Our Own Staff 7 Days a Week 8am to 8pm
Member of The APMM

WITH-PROFITS BOND

An investment that offers the best of both worlds.

Are you one of the thousands of savers about to receive a cash windfall as the first payouts are made from tax free TESSA accounts?

Before reinvesting any of your money you should stop and consider all the options available to you. Five years on from your initial choice, your circumstances have probably changed and another TESSA may not necessarily be the best option.

The Equitable Life is able to offer you an alternative investment, The Equitable With-Profits Bond.

With £500 or more you can invest in a managed fund of assets, which smooths the short-term fluctuations in value over the period of your investment.

You also have our guarantee that, whatever the future market conditions are like, at the fifth and subsequent anniversaries you can encash your Bond for its original value plus bonuses accrued.

What is more, you have the reassurance of dealing with The Equitable Life, the world's oldest mutual life office.

For more information by post and by telephone on The Equitable Life With-Profits Bond call Aylesbury (01296) 26226 or return the coupon below.

Information/advice will only be given on Equitable group products
Regulated by the Personal Investment Authority
THE EQUITABLE LIFE FREEPOST, WALTON STREET AYLESBURY BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HP21 7BR

To The Equitable Life FREEPOST Walton Street, AYLESBURY Bucks HP21 7BR
I would welcome information on The Equitable With-Profits Bond ☐ TMBJ6A

NAME (Mr Mrs Miss) ______________________
ADDRESS ______________________

Tel (Office) ______________
Tel. (Home) ______________
Date of Birth ______________
Postcode ______________

Founded 1762

The Equitable Life
You profit from our principles

هكذا من الأصل

Karen Zagor on Wall Street's technology-led fall

Decline that need not be terminal

Nerves of steel and a cast-iron stomach are essential when investing in US technology stocks, as anyone who has weathered the latest lurch on Wall Street will have discovered.

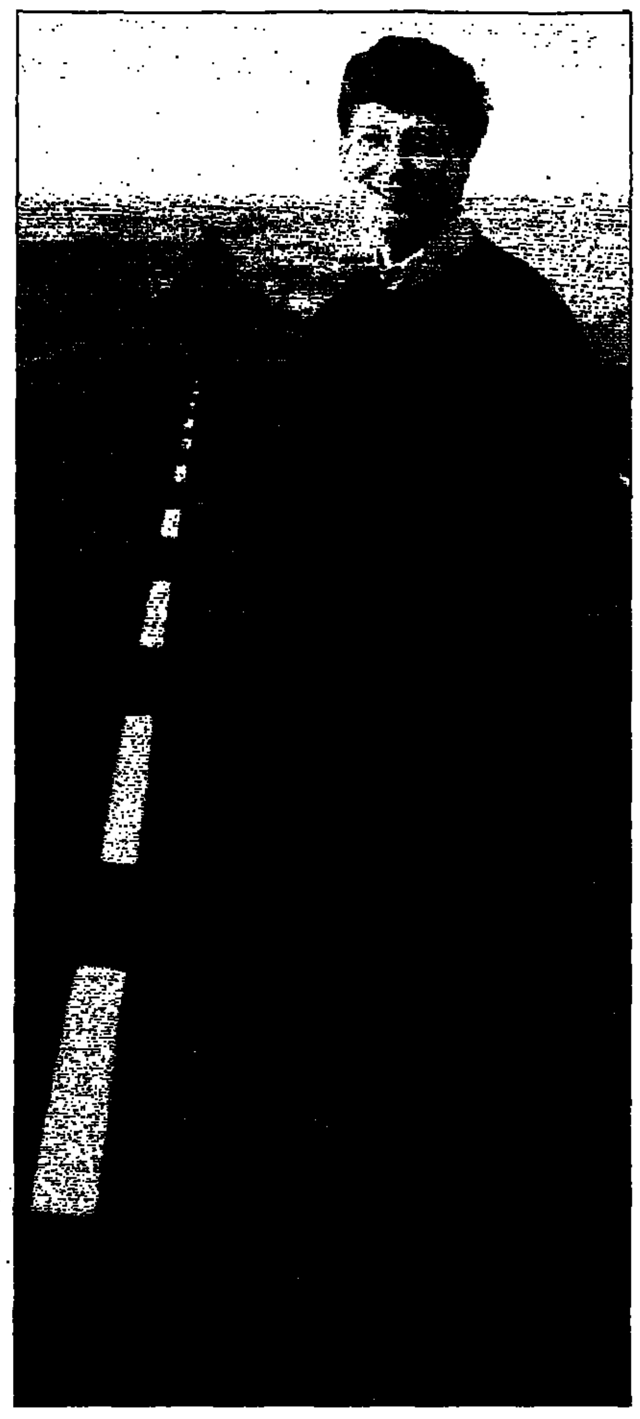
The technology sector has been driving the overall US stock market up and down for a year. In 1995, the stellar performance of technology stocks in the first six months helped to propel the Dow Jones industrial average to record levels. But on Tuesday, it tumbled 67.55 points to 5,130.13 in a decline that was triggered by losses in the technology sector. The Nasdaq Composite Index, which is heavily weighted towards technology stocks, dropped 33.55 points to 998.82. Many technology shares fell even further on Wednesday, before the sector started to stage a recovery on Thursday.

This week's decline was sparked both by a number of factors including a negative report on technology stocks by a leading analyst and disappointing profit news from a number of companies. And sales of Windows 95, the Microsoft operating system for personal computers that was launched last summer, were not as high as some expected. The erosion continued through the week after Motorola, a giant cellular telephone company, posted disappointing fourth quarter earnings.

Ed Yardeni, chief economist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in New York, said: "The technology sector is generally volatile, and stocks have been annihilated this week. There's probably room for some intelligent stock-picking now, but prices may fall even further. It's an industry where the most sophisticated gadgets can become commodities in a very short space of time, so pricing is very difficult for these stocks. In general, the sector is treacherous and tricky, so individual investors should be careful not to overweight technology stocks in their portfolios."

Yet there are strong reasons why these stocks appeal to risk-minded investors. The presence of computer technology in daily life is growing. Computers are no longer confined to offices. More and more homes have personal computers. Computer chips can be found in everything from aircraft instruments to coffee makers. As long as the technology continues to evolve, investors who spot a new company with a winning product stand to make a fortune. For example, anyone who bought into the California Internet software company Netscape Communications when it went public last August is still looking at large profits. The offering was priced at $28 and quickly soared to a high of $174 last year. On Tuesday, the shares fell to $128 9/32, down $8 7/32 on the day, but significantly higher than their IPO level.

Analysts are still debating whether technology companies are cyclical or not. The latest technology sell-off was widely seen as a market correction for a sector that had become overpriced rather than a shift in the fundamental outlook for the industry. Technology share prices are likely to remain volatile as long as share prices reflect sentiment instead of financial performance.



The road ahead could take a few turns for Bill Gates, the head of Microsoft. Some believe sales of his company's Windows 95 operating systems are not as high as they could be.

PERSONAL COMPUTER COMPANIES

THERE was a time when Apple Computer could do no wrong. Its personal computers were considered superior to anything the IBM-compatible computer companies could produce. But now Microsoft has come out with Windows 95, a software programme which allows IBM-compatible machines to match many of Apple's features. As a result, Apple's future is less certain. Analysts say the company has not responded quickly enough to the Microsoft challenge, and there has been concern about the company's management. IBM is still trying to prove that it can effect a turnaround after its breathtaking losses of 1993. In 1994, the company posted its first annual profit since 1990. Compaq Computer is now the leading US personal computer maker, although its market share recently slipped slightly to 12 per cent from 13 per cent. Other US big computer companies include Hewlett-Packard, Dell and Gateway 2000.

SOFTWARE

MICROSOFT dominates the software sector. Its presence is so overwhelming that smaller companies can only thrive by finding a niche where they do not come head-to-head with Microsoft. Microsoft is trying to stave off the threat of competition in the Internet software market. Rivals include Broderbund, maker of education programmes, Oracle and Sun Microsystems.

INTERNET

AS the stock market performance of Netscape shares indicates, the Internet is believed to be the way of the future. The Internet is a global computer network that can be used for research and low-cost communications. It is accessible to anyone with a PC and a phone connection, and companies that make the software and hardware to access the next are expected to flourish. The biggest challenge to Intel and Microsoft is expected to come from the Internet sector. On the software side, Netscape's worldwide web browser remains the software of choice, although it is now being challenged by Microsoft. Sun Micro systems is the main supplier of Internet server computers.

SEMICONDUCTOR SECTOR

SEMICONDUCTORS are the chips that make computers run. They include memory chips, such as D-Rams (Dynamic Random Access Memory), which are responsible for the computer's memory, and microprocessors, which are often called "brain" chips because they allow the computer to figure out what it must do.

In the world of technology stocks, the semiconductor sector has been the most volatile. Semiconductors can be found wherever computer technology exists. And the scope for expansion is enormous. For the moment, the biggest outlet for semiconductor sales is the personal computer market, so the fortunes of semiconductor companies are largely determined by the sales performance of the computer companies they are selling their chips to. But a semiconductor company's financial performance is also determined by the quality of its chips, its ability to market it products and the number of competitors producing similar products.

The D-Ram market posted a dramatic rise last year, with a 40 per cent increase in the worldwide market, according to figures from Dataquest, the US market research company. Sales are expected to rise another 29 per cent next year. Intel is the world's largest supplier of microprocessors to the personal computer industry and its Pentium chip is now the leading microprocessor on the market. Other big semiconductor companies include Texas Instruments, Cirrus Logic, Advanced Micro Devices, National Semiconductor and LSI Logic.

You can buy
performance.
It costs 17½ pence.

It costs you less than a Second Class stamp to invest the minimum monthly sum of £25 into the Foreign & Colonial Private Investor Plan.

Investment of £1,000 in December 1945.

	Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust PLC†	Higher Rate Building Society Account*
1945	£1,000	£1,000
1970	£30,269	£2,554
1985	£191,470	£8,489
1995	£1,017,116	£17,548

With its combination of performance, choice and low costs, it offers better value than any other savings and investment plans available. You can choose from a wide range of our investment trusts, changing the frequency and the amount you invest without penalty. While the real value of money has decreased by nearly 40%, £1,000 invested in Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust ten years ago would have grown to over £5,000.** Why not find out more?

BETTER VALUE INVESTMENT IDEAS SINCE 1868

Foreign & Colonial

Call free on 0800 54 55 55 Fax 01734 344 622 any time, quoting the coupon code.

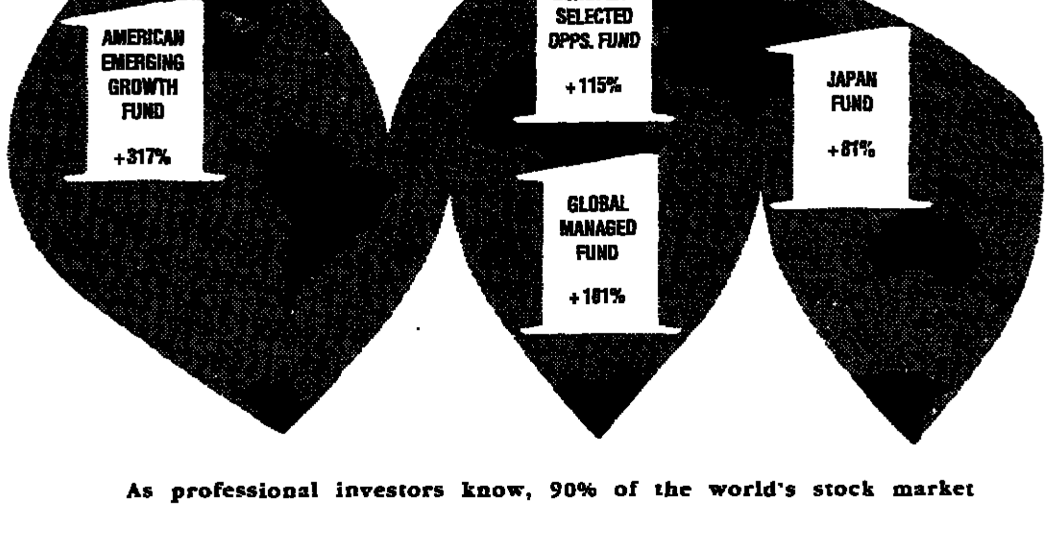
Name .... Address ....
.... Postcode .... Code: P13196T

Return this coupon to: Foreign & Colonial Management Ltd, PO Box 2, Twyford, Berkshire RG10 9NW

The value of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the full amount invested. Past performance is no guide to the future. All figures to 31 December. ** 31.12.85 to 31.12.95. *Basic net rate to 1962 - source BZW. Thereafter highest net rate available from Micropal (£25,000+ Account), based on total return, net income reinvested. **†Source Foreign & Colonial Management Ltd using mid-market prices, net income reinvested, incl. historical 3.5% notional expenses. Plan charges 0.2% commission excl. 0.5% Govt. stamp duty. Foreign & Colonial Management Ltd (regulated by IMRO and the Personal Investment Authority) or its subsidiaries are the Managers of the investment trusts.

HAMILTON LIFE
GUARANTEED GROWTH BOND
150% net of basic rate tax over 6 years, with income or growth options
plus 2.5% cashback
For details call
01225 446 556
Chartwell Investment Management Ltd
18 Brock Street
Bath BA1 2LW
Regulated by the Personal Investment Authority
This investment is not suitable for everyone. If you have any doubt whether it is suitable, you should obtain expert advice.

OUT AND OUT GROWTH OUTSIDE THE UK.



As professional investors know, 90% of the world's stock market value is outside the UK: principally in the USA, Japan and Europe.

With Gartmore's range of international unit trusts, you can add all these major markets to your portfolio - with the reassurance of top quartile performance by all four funds over the last five years. Indeed, all four beat at least 85% of their competitors over this period. And, if you had invested £1,000 in each one in 1991, your £4,000 would be worth over £10,000 today.

It's some story. So we've put it all into a special international brochure. For a copy, simply telephone us - free of charge - on the number below.

Gartmore
0800 289 336
Internet address: http://www.iii.co.uk/gartmore

Source: Performance data Micropal. Basis: offer to bid, net income reinvested, 5 years to 1.1.96. The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount you invest. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Emerging markets are volatile and may suffer from liquidity problems. Changes in rates of exchange between currencies may also cause the value of investments to increase or decrease. Issued by Gartmore Fund Managers Limited, regulated by IMRO and the Personal Investment Authority and a member of the Gartmore marketing group which markets pension schemes, regulated collective investment schemes and investment services.

Over 55? Why not enjoy a tax free income? Life may begin at 40, but tax free income for you begins at 55 for 20 years.

That is, if you have invested in the right place. You see, we have a plan which gives you tax free income from investment funds which have already been taxed at source.

This is particularly good news for those of you retired or semi-retired with lump sums of £10,000 or more and wanting to maximise income in a tax efficient manner, without losing control of capital.

And your capital can appreciate without personal Capital Gains Tax with the fund bearing the liability instead. In fact, we can also arrange that the proceeds of one particular plan are paid free of Inheritance Tax to your heirs whilst still giving you access to your capital.

Surely this is worth looking into. It's no more bother than opening a building society account. We are one of the largest independent firms of personal financial advisers in the U.K. offering specialist help since 1958.

There is no charge or obligation for our services, and there is much to be gained by sending in the coupon.

FREE GUIDE

Talk to Towry Law
ESTABLISHED 1958
for independent financial advice
REGULATED BY THE PERSONAL INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

Towry Law Financial Planning Ltd, FREEPOST, Newbury RG13 1BR.
I am interested in Tax Free Income.
Please send me your guide: 'Over 55? How to make your money work harder and pay less tax in retirement.'

Age Self ______ Spouse ______
I am retired .... ☐
I am retiring at age ______
I would like a financial review .... ☐
Name ______
Address ______
______
______
Postcode ______
Tel ______

For written details PHONE FREE ON
0800 52 11 96
[illegible]

Arguably the only unit trust or PEP you need ever buy

Portfolio Fund of Funds is a complete portfolio of top unit trusts in one fund. It aims for maximum total return coupled with low risk. It currently includes funds from Abtrust, City of London, Credit Suisse, Fidelity, Foreign & Colonial, Friends Provident, Gartmore, Lazard, Morgan Grenfell, Newton, Perpetual, Rothschild, Save & Prosper and Schroder. These are among the best fund managers in the world.

Consistently at the top

From launch in December 1989 to 31 December 1995 the value of units (offer to bid, with net income reinvested) rose 94.6%, the best performance of any fund of funds. Over 5 years the fund was up 104.3%, the fifth best performance; and over 4 and 3 years it was first. *(Source: Hindsight)*

Automatic discounts

The minimum investment is £3,000, but if you invest £10,000 or over there is an automatic discount of 1%. At £25,000 this goes up to 2% and at £100,000 to 3%.

Suitable for your complete portfolio

The fund combines quality with wide diversification. This makes it suitable to replace a complete portfolio of shares or unit trusts. There is a PEP available and also a monthly paying High Income version.

To: Portfolio Fund Management Limited
Freepost KE 8718, 64 London Wall, London EC2B 2PN
Telephone: 0171-638 0808 Fax: 0171-638 0050

Please send me further information on
Portfolio Fund of Funds and PEP ☐
Portfolio High Income Fund and PEP ☐

Name ....
Address ....
....
.... T 13.1

Past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. Unit trusts fluctuate in value. Portfolio Fund Management Limited is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority and by IMRO. Members of AUTIF.

PORTFOLIO

THE TIMES MONEY INFORMATION SERVICE

Easier overseas cash transfers

Making payments abroad can be costly and inconvenient, particularly in the transfer of funds to the United States. For NatWest current account customers, the advent of inter-bank electronic transmission has simplified the process. Three methods of international payment are available using this electronic system: Standard Transfer, Urgent Transfer and NatWest Relay. NatWest has produced a ten-page guide detailing these payment options, plus a warning on charges levied by foreign banks. *Making Payments Abroad* is available from all NatWest branches or by calling 0171 920 1013.

■ Chase de Vere Investments has published its 1996 *Pepguide and Pep Performance Charts*, covering 1,190 personal equity plan schemes and including 117 new corporate bond Peps. The guide costs £12.95, which is refundable if a Pep is subsequently purchased via Chase de Vere. For a copy, write to Chase de Vere Investments plc, 63 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3JX or call 0800 526092.

■ The Solicitors Trust, a national network of 200 well-established local solicitors, has published the first in a series of information cards on legal topics. *15 Facts you Need to Know about Divorce and Separation* covers the financial aspects of this subject and is available free to readers of *The Times*. Call The Solicitors Trust on 0990 11 22 32.

■ Managers of Mercury Asset's £500 million privatisation investment trust have announced an abolition of dealing charges for 1996. This follows Mercury's December launch of a share buy-back scheme designed to reduce the discount at which the European Privatisation Trust shares trade while simultaneously increasing their net asset value. This offer is available to investors who enrol before March 31 and existing savers. Call 0500 050066.

■ Poverty lies at the root of most debt, according to the *Debt Advice Handbook*, which includes guidance on negotiating with creditors and covers business and student debts. The handbook is published by the Child Poverty Action Group. Send a cheque/PO for £9.95 to CPAG Ltd, 1-5 Bath Street, London EC1V 9PY.

LIZANNE ROSE

SAVERS BEST BUYS

INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNTS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Teachers BS 0800 378669	Bullion Share	Instant	£500	5.70	½Yly
Bristol & West BS 0800 303330	Direct Access	Postal	£5,000	5.75	Yly
Manchester BS 0161 839 5545	Money by Mail	Postal	£25,000	6.25	Yly
Skipton BS 01756 700511	High Street	Instant	£30,000	6.50	Yly

FIXED RATES	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Nottingham BS 0115 948 1444	Postmark	7 day p	£2,500	5.75	Yly
Manchester BS 0161 834 9465	45 Day	45 day	£5,000	6.25	Yly
Brad & Bingley BS 0345 248248	Direct 60	60 day p	£15,000	6.50	Yly
Chelsea BS 0800 272505	120 Account	120 Day	£1,000	6.50	Yly

FIRST TESSAS (TAX FREE)	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Allied Trust Bank 0171 6260879		5 Year	£9,000	7.50	Yly
Sun Banking Corp 01438 744505		5 Year	£8,575	7.25	F/Yly
Cheltenham & Glouc 0800 717505		5 Year	£3,000	7.25	Yly
Principality BS 01222 344188		5 Year	£25	7.25	Yly

CREDIT CARDS BEST BUYS

CREDIT CARDS	Card type	Interest per month	APR%	Fee per annum
Robert Fleming/S&P 0800 829024	MasterCard/Visa	0.96%G	12.10%	Nil C
Royal Bank of Scotland 0800 161616	MasterCard	1.14%	14.50%	Nil C
Frizzell Bank 0800 373191	MasterCard/Visa	1.17%	16.10%	£11

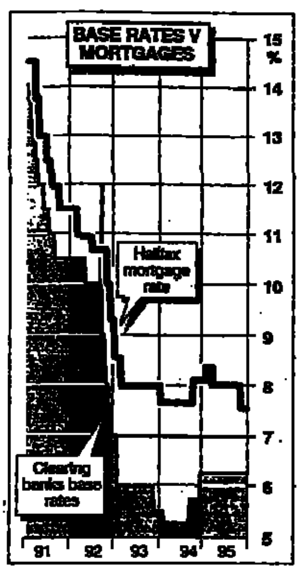
PERSONAL LOANS BEST BUYS

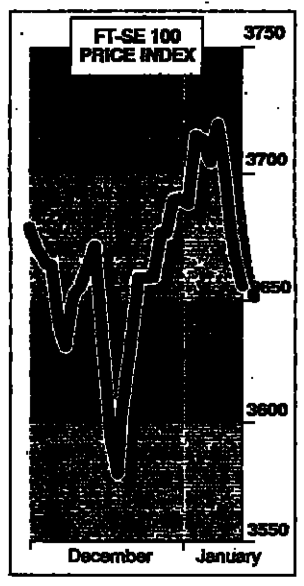
PERSONAL LOANS	APR	Monthly payment on £3,000 for 3yrs with insurance	no insurance
Direct Line 0141 2489966	14.90%	£114.41	£102.59
Midland 0800 180180	15.40%	£116.54	£103.14
Abbey National 0345 545556	15.50%	£115.18	£103.26

Nb. A - Feeder account required. In the interest paid columns. C = no interest free period D = annual fee rebated £1.5K+ charged per annum E = Annual fee waived for 1st year for new accounts F = fixed rate (all other rates are variable); OM denotes interest paid on maturity

* RATES SHOWN ARE GROSS AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE
PLEASE CHECK RATES BEFORE INVESTING

Source: MoneyFacts, the Monthly Guide to Investment & Mortgage Rates (01692 500 677)





NATIONAL SAVINGS

	Gross rate	At tax rates 25%	40%	Min/maximum investment £	Notice	Contact
Ordinary A/c¹	2.00	1.50	1.20	10-10,000		01416494555
Investment A/c*	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-500**	1mth	01416494555
Income Bond*	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-250,000	3mth	01253766151
First Opt Bond	6.40	4.80	3.84	1,000-250,000		01416362558
42nd Issue Cert†	5.85			100-10,000	8day	01913864900
Children's Bond†	7.85			25-1,000	1mth	01416362635
Gen Ext Rate	3.51					
Capital Bond	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8day	01416362603
8th Index Linked†	3.00			100-10,000	8day	01913864900
Pensnrs Bond S2	7.50	5.63	4.50	500-50,000	60day	01253766151

¹ first £70 (£140 jt) of int tax free, inst accs for up to £100 ² Additional Hldgs up to £20,000 for reinvested proceeds †Tax free *Rates gross and vble ‡Guaranteed when held for 5 years ³0.3% net bonus for £20,000+ ⁴£40,000 jt in addition to S1 holdings ⁶Taxable but paid in full **Tiered rates over £500

PENSION ANNUITIES

All figures are the gross annual annuity (£100,000 purchase), guaranteed 5 years, paid monthly in advance

SINGLE LIFE (level ann)	Male: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Prudential..........Level	£10,129	£11,152	£12,528
Canada Lfe..........Level	£9,915	£11,087	£12,675
Stndrd Lfe..........Level	£9,956	£11,024	£12,416
Sun Lf of Can.......Level	£9,972	£11,016	£12,442
Generali............Level	£9,817	£10,951	£12,299

SINGLE LIFE	Female: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Prudential..........Level	£9,371	£10,109	£11,191
Sun Lf of Can.......Level	£9,230	£9,970	£11,063
Canada Life.........Level	£9,083	£9,927	£11,161
Generali............Level	£9,024	£9,875	£11,053
Scottish Widows.....Level	£9,230	£9,870	£10,830

JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)	Male: Age 60 Female: Age 55	Age 65 Age 60	Age 70 Age 65
Prudential..........Level	£9,980	£9,554	£10,358
Sun Lf of Can.......Level	£8,855	£9,429	£10,249
Canada Life.........Level	£8,666	£9,329	£10,266
MGM Assurance.......Level	£8,678	£9,303	£10,190
Stalwart*...........Level	£8,767	£9,223	£9,840

* Maximum purchase £100,000. Higher rates for smokers.
~~Source: Annuity Direct (0171 583 9393)~~

Compiled by: Lizanne Rose

GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

ANNUAL INCOME
Rates as at January 11, 1996

	Investment (£)	Company	Standard Rate (%)
1 Year			
	5,000	AIG Life	4.95
	10,000	AIG Life	5.05
	20,000	AIG Life	5.15
	50,000	AIG Life	5.30
2 Years			
	5,000	AIG Life	5.18
	10,000	AIG Life	5.28
	20,000	AIG Life	5.43
	50,000	AIG Life	5.58
3 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	4.90
	5,000	Financial Assur	5.20
	20,000	Financial Assur	5.30
	50,000	Financial Assur	5.40
4 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.40
	20,000	Financial Assur	5.50
	50,000	Financial Assur	5.60
5 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.60
	3,000	Pinnacle Insur	6.51
	10,000	Pinnacle Insur	6.61
	50,000	Pinnacle Insur	6.71

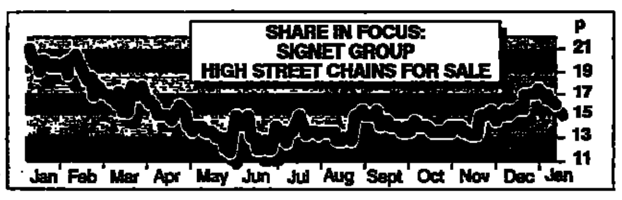
Source: Chamberlain de Broë 0171-434 4222. Net rates. Income and capital guaranteed. Early surrender. Terms vary. Monthly income may be available.

PIBS

FIXED RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	% Gross yield	Issue price	Minimum purchase amount
Birmingham Midshires	9.375%	100.63	9.307	100.17	1,000
Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	121.81	9.532	100.13	10,000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	136.37	9.512	100.20	10,000
Bristol & West	13.375%	141.10	9.459	100.34	1,000
Britannia	13.000%	136.18	9.525	100.42	1,000
Coventry	12.125%	125.53	9.637	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	116.95	10.038	100.25	10,000
Halifax	8.750%	94.96	9.214	100.62	50,000
Halifax	12.000%	127.79	9.176	100.28	50,000
Halifax	13.625%	147.32	9.222	100.00	50,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	140.15	9.525	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	117.61	9.127	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	137.62	9.152	100.45	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	135.91	9.271	100.14	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	135.92	9.455	100.48	1,000

FLOATING RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	Issue price	Minimum purchase
Cheshire (28/03-28/09)	9.50156%	103.63	100.00	1,000
First National	9.35469%	100.75	100.00	1,000

PIBS = Permanent interest-bearing shares
Source. ABN AMRO Hoare Govett — 0171 601 0101



LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Bristol & West 0800 100117	0.70	£15k+	90	Fixed to 30.11.96
Northern Rock 0800 591 500	1.19	to £100k	90	6.25% discount to 1.3.97
Yorkshire 0800 378836	1.59	neg	95	6% disc 1 year, 2% disc 18 mths
Banks				
Barclays 0800 000929	3.74	£15k+	90	3.75% discount for 1 year
Nat Westminster 0121 234 2000	2.54	£15k+	75	5.20% disc 1 yr, Var rate-31.3.99

LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Bristol & West 0800 100117	0.70	£15k+	90	Fixed rate to 30.11.96
Hinckley & Rugby 0800 774499	0.35	to £150k	70	7.14% discount for 9 months
Northern Rock 0800 591500	1.19	£100k+	90	6.25% discount to 1.3.97
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	7.00%dsc-6 mth, 3% dsc-6 mth
Bank of Scotland 0131 243 5735	1.50	to £200k	95	6.49% discount for 6 months

FIRST-TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Brad & Bingley 0800 252 993	1.89	no min/max	95	fixed to 1.12.96
Bristol & West 0800 100117	2.50	£15k+	95	4.74% discount for 12 months
Skipton 0800 446776	1.49	£25-150k	95	6% disc 5 mnths, 1.75% disc 1 year
Banks				
Bnk of Ireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	7.00% disc 6 mth, 3.00% disc 6 mth
TSB 0121 600 6147	3.75	£15k+	95	3.74% discount for 12 months

Larger lenders, larger loans and first-time buyers tables supplied by Blay's Guides Ltd. Further information: Blay's Guides, 01753 880482.

PEPGUIDE
SPOT THE WINNERS
How do you choose your PEP from the hundreds on offer? PEPGUIDE answers all your questions – comparing nearly 1,200 PEPS
CALL NOW FOR YOUR PEPGUIDE
0800 526 092
FREEPHONE LINES OPEN 8 AM - 10 PM
CHASE DE VERE
INVESTMENTS PLC
REGULATED BY THE PERSONAL INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE				
Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9QS 0171 538 8800				
Balanced	515.40	545.40	- 3.60	...
UK Equity	649.40	687.20	- 4.70	...
Property	513.50	543.40	+ 0.60	...
Fixed Interest	359.10	380.10	- 0.30	...
Money	261.20	276.50	+ 0.20	...
International	441.90	467.70	- 8.20	...
ABBEY LIFE				
Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 01202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	248.20	261.30	...	0
-do- Acc	488.70	514.50	+ 0.10	...
Equity Fd Inc	194.90	205.20	- 0.90	...
-do- Acc	267.40	281.50	- 1.10	...
Selective Fd	524.40	552.10	- 1.40	...
Money Fd	395.70	416.60	+ 0.40	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	373.00	392.70	...	...
Equity Ser 4	248.80	261.90	- 0.70	...
Man Ser 4	730.90	769.40	- 3.00	...
Conv Ser 4	342.50	360.60	+ 0.40	...
Money Ser 4	342.10	360.20	+ 0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	376.60	396.50	+ 1.00	...
American Ser 4	560.70	590.30	-10.40	...
High Inc Ser 4	757.80	797.70	- 2.50	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	224.60	236.50	- 0.80	...
Japan Ser 4	364.50	383.70	- 7.80	...
ALBANY LIFE				
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 01707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1724.90	1815.60	-20.20	...
European Fd Acc	409.50	431.00	+ 2.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	553.70	582.80	+ 1.00	...
Gtd Money Acc	348.90	367.20	+ 0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	667.90	703.00	- 3.60	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	362.70	381.70	+ 1.60	...
Japan Fund	271.80	286.10	- 4.40	...
N American Acc	365.40	384.50	- 4.80	...
Prop Fd Acc	453.40	477.20	+ 0.50	...
Multiple Inv Acc	1132.80	1192.40	- 5.90	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Swindon SN1 1EL 01793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	389.80	410.40	+ 0.40	...
Equity Acc	1587.50	1671.10	-12.70	...
Property Acc	609.50	641.60	+ 0.50	...
Far East Acc	334.90	352.60	- 1.60	...
Managed Capital	581.00	611.60	- 3.80	...
-do- Acc	1219.10	1283.30	- 7.80	...
Overseas Acc	1051.40	1106.80	- 7.90	...
Gilt Edged Acc	534.10	562.30	+ 1.10	...
Amer Equity Acc	951.90	1002.00	- 8.00	...
Amer Mny Acc	398.10	419.10	- 2.90	...
Amer Prop Acc	116.70	122.90	+ 0.50	...
Distribution Bonds	24.90	26.30	- 0.10	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE				
Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 01494 463463				
Reserve Ser 6	171.60	180.60	+ 0.20	...
Balced Ser 6	795.60	837.40	-10.70	...
Opportunity Ser 6	181.20	190.70	- 2.90	...
Distribution Ser 6	104.70	110.20	- 0.30	6.78
UK Equities Ser 6	1110.10	1168.50	-17.70	...
Higher Inc Ser 6	1169.60	1231.10	-14.20	...
North Amer Ser 6	537.50	565.20	-19.30	...
Far East Ser 6	607.20	639.10	- 6.30	...
Europe Ser 6	432.70	455.40	- 3.50	...
Intnl Ser 6	636.10	669.50	-11.50	...
Property Ser 6	574.70	604.90	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Int Ser 6	481.20	506.50	- 0.50	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec So	192.30	202.40	- 0.70	...
Gteed Dep Ser 6	310.80	327.10	+ 0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 0181 534 5544				
Equity Acc	953.40	1003.60	- 6.30	...
-do- Initial	606.30	638.30	- 4.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	423.50	445.80	- 0.50	...
-do- Initial	271.70	286.00	- 0.30	...
International Acc	440.30	463.50	- 3.60	...
-do- Initial	280.60	295.40	- 2.40	...
Managed Acc	582.80	613.50	- 3.50	...
-do- Initial	372.70	392.40	- 2.30	...
Money Acc	303.90	319.90	+ 0.20	...
Property Acc	308.30	324.60	+ 0.40	...
-do- Initial	196.10	206.50	+ 0.10	...
America Acc	333.60	351.20	- 5.80	...
Australia Acc	234.40	246.80	- 1.70	...
Financial Acc	412.20	433.90	- 6.00	...
500 Accum	483.30	508.80	- 0.40	...
Japan Genl Acc	316.10	332.80	- 8.00	...
Income Acc	576.30	606.70	- 4.80	...
Leisure Acc	286.30	301.30	- 0.80	...
Special Sits Acc	277.40	292.00	- 2.40	...
Univ Tech Acc	176.10	185.40	- 1.50	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 01634 834000				
The Managed Fd	891.26	891.26	- 7.27	...
Income Fund	837.12	881.17	- 8.91	...
Extra Income	764.03	804.25	- 7.41	...
Worldwide Gth	538.19	566.52	- 4.38	...
Balanced Fund	738.91	777.80	- 9.36	...
Smllr Cos Recov	880.60	926.95	- 0.42	...
N Amer & Genrl	419.19	441.26	- 7.09	...
Pacific Basin	452.27	476.08	- 2.27	...
German Growth	255.11	268.54	+ 2.61	...
Japan Growth	198.93	209.40	- 1.18	...
The UK Gth Fd	236.88	249.35	- 3.27	...
Contl Euro Gth	151.69	159.68	- 0.18	...
Property Fund	411.25	432.90	- 0.49	...
Fixed Interest	345.75	363.95	+ 0.12	...
Cash Fund	295.15	310.69	+ 0.24	...
Managed Inv	536.16	564.37	- 4.71	...
Nth Amer Recov	277.79	292.42	-14.23	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	528.30	556.11	+ 0.36	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE				
PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 01475 888000				
Measured Perf	176.90	187.10	- 0.60	...
Performance Plus	188.20	199.10	- 1.30	...
With Profit Perf	179.30	189.70	+ 0.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Opportunity	209.40	221.50	- 1.90	...
Euro Opportunity	231.30	244.70	- 1.50	...
North Amer Opp	187.70	198.60	- 3.60	...
Far East Opp	211.10	223.30	+ 1.70	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	159.50	167.80	+ 0.80	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	195.70	207	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Int	212.40	224.70	...	...
Cash	164.30	173.80	+ 0.20	6.49
Overseas	216.80	229.40	- 1.60	...
Formerly LAS				
Managed Fund	378.60	398.60	- 1.10	...
UK Equity	643.30	677.20	- 6.50	...
Property	265.50	279.50	+ 0.30	...
Money Market	262.60	276.50	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	318.50	335.30	- 1.30	...
Japan	372.60	392.30	-14.80	...
North America	174.10	183.30	- 4.30	...
International	346.10	364.40	- 3.40	...
European	301.80	317.70	- 4.00	...
Far East	150.80	158.80	+ 1.40	...
CANADA LIFE				
2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 01707 51122				
Equity Growth ‡	277.80	...	...	...
Managed	367.40	386.80	- 3.10	...
Property	248.10	261.20	...	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	261.00	274.80	- 0.80	...
Equity	416.20	438.20	- 4.40	...
Cash	224.40	236.30	+ 0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	425.00	447.40	- 1.40	...
CLife Intl Fd	394.50	415.30	- 4.00	...
Managed Fund	792.40	834.10	- 6.50	...
Property Fund	517.30	544.50	- 0.30	...
Equity Fund	1047.60	1102.70	-11.10	...
Gilt Edged Fd	671.10	706.40	+ 0.40	...
Deposit Fund	346.70	364.90	+ 0.40	...
Investment Fd	445.50	467.80	- 4.90	...
International	603.50	635.30	- 7.10	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Scairy House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 01908 606101				
Property Fund	163.40	172.00	...	...
Managed Fund	696.30	733.00	- 7.60	...
Equity Fund	404.30	425.60	- 6.90	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0117 9290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	321.60	338.60	- 1.10	...
Ruby	191.40	201.50	- 0.10	...
Emerald	155.00	163.20	...	...
Equity	371.00	390.60	- 2.40	...
Property	232.10	244.40	+ 0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	222.80	234.60	+ 0.50	...
Indexed Secs	179.60	189.10	- 0.50	...
Cash	196.00	206.40	+ 0.20	...
Nth American	272.00	286.40	- 4.60	...
Far East	354.50	373.20	- 0.20	...
International	269.60	283.80	- 0.20	...
Special Sits	390.10	410.70	- 0.10	...
Intl Income	327.90	345.20	- 1.80	...
American Inc	227.10	239.10	- 3.10	...
European	371.60	391.20	+ 2.20	...
Japanese	144.00	151.60	+ 0.70	...
SE Asia	397.10	418.00	+ 1.30	...
With Profits Reg	176.60	185.90	+ 0.30	...
-do- Spec	176.60	185.90	+ 0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	370.30	389.80	- 2.40	...
Equity	448.30	472.00	- 5.30	...
Property	213.40	224.70	+ 0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	283.00	297.90	+ 0.50	...
Index Linked	190.10	200.20	- 0.60	...
Cash	265.70	279.70	+ 0.30	...
Nth American	338.20	356.10	- 5.70	...
Far East Acc	336.70	354.50	...	...
International Acc	341.30	359.30	- 2.30	...
Special Sits	579.00	609.50	- 2.10	...
European Flex	524.50	552.20	+ 2.50	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP				
Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 01634 890 000				
(Unlnk): Key ‡	233.18	...	+ 4.61	...
-do- Pacemaker ‡	345.62	...	+ 6.65	...
-do- Cash	211.39	222.52	+ 0.15	...
-do- Equity	601.67	633.34	- 3.73	...
-do- Fxd Int	393.05	413.74	+ 0.96	...
-do- Managed	432.02	454.76	- 2.08	...
-do- Property	287.44	302.57	+ 1.78	...
(Pens)- Cash Cap	212.13	223.30	+ 0.09	...
-do- Cash Inv	322.79	339.79	+ 0.37	...
-do- Equity Cap	£15.75	£16.58	-15.51	...
-do- Equity Inv	£23.97	£25.23	-21.88	...
-do- Fixed Cap	423.64	445.94	+ 0.55	...
-do- Fixed Inv	644.64	678.54	+ 1.29	...
-do- Index Cap	209.03	220.05	- 0.73	...
-do- Index Inv	318.09	334.84	- 0.89	...
-do- Mngd Cap	633.73	667.09	- 6.20	...
-do- Mngd Inv	964.33	£10.15	- 8.74	...
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 0171 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5) ‡	814.94	...	- 7.75	...
Var Ann (5) ‡	101.49	...	- 0.80	...
Prime: Managed	443.30	466.70	- 3.60	...
Prime: UK Equity	544.60	573.30	- 4.70	...
Prime: Int Equity	325.20	342.40	- 3.60	...
Prime: Property	255.60	269.10	...	...
Prime: Fxd Int	253.50	266.90	+ 0.20	...
Prime Index-Lnk	181.30	190.90	- 0.40	...
Prime: Cash	214.70	226.00	+ 0.10	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 01438 744840				
Managed Fund	1219.50	1283.60	+13.20	...
Equity Fd	1760.30	1852.90	+20.80	...
For Crown see Windsor				
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE				
Montpellier Drive, Cheltenham, GL53 7LQ. 01242 221311				
Life Funds				
Unit With Pfts (5)	102.80	102.80	+ 0.10	...
Secure (2) ‡	101.90	...	+ 0.10	...
Managed (3) ‡	105.40	...	- 0.60	...
Equity Mngd (3) ‡	105.40	...	+ 0.10	...
Adventurous (3) ‡	104.40	...	- 0.60	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Bristol & West (2) ‡	102.30	...	+ 0.10	...
Pension Funds				
Unit With Pfts (5) ‡	100.20	...	+ 0.20	...
Secure (2) ‡	100.20	...	+ 0.10	...
Managed (2) ‡	100.50	...	- 0.70	...
Equity Mngd (2) ‡	100.60	...	- 0.90	...
Adventurous (2) ‡	101.20	...	- 0.80	...
Bristol & West (2) ‡	100.30	...	+ 0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND				
60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 0171 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Un	302.10	313	- 2.60	2.92
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 01722 413366				
Managed	338.40	356.30	- 2.60	...
UK Equity	453.00	476.90	- 4.00	...
Stewardship	396.30	417.20	- 1.50	...
Overseas Equity	318.10	334.90	- 3.20	...
North American	171.40	180.50	- 3.40	...
Pacific Basin	178.60	188.10	- 0.50	...
European	261.40	275.20	+ 1.00	...
Property	183.50	193.20	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	259.10	272.80	+ 0.60	...
Index Linked	179.30	188.80	- 0.50	...
Cash	209.50	220.60	+ 0.20	...
FP Life Assurance ex NM				
Fixed Interest	587.60	618.50	- 1.00	...
Managed	756.90	796.70	- 4.40	...
Deposit	356.40	375.10	+ 0.30	...
Property	478.90	504.10	+ 0.70	...
American	482.30	507.60	- 9.80	...
Australian	579.90	610.40	- 5.30	...
European	633.00	666.30	+ 2.50	...
Income Acc	823.60	866.90	- 4.40	...
-do- Dist	464.10	493.70	- 3.40	4.94
International	343.70	361.70	- 3.40	...
Japan Smaller	464.70	489.10	- 8.40	...
Singapore & Mal	423.20	445.40	+ 3.00	...
Smaller Cos	448.30	471.80	- 4.00	...
Tokyo Fund	662.90	697.70	-17.10	...
UK Equity	633.90	667.20	- 4.40	...
CCM Vangd Mg	830.30	874.00	- 7.40	...
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 0171 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	340.10	358.00	+ 3.70	...
GT Plan Wwide	520.60	548.00	- 7.60	...
GAN LIFE & PENSIONS				
Gan House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 01279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	757.80	757.80	- 0.60	...
-do- Inv A	757.70	797.70	- 0.60	...
UK Equity	456.60	480.70	- 2.40	...
Gilt Plus	218.80	230.40	...	...
Managed	339.50	357.40	- 0.30	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT				
2 Rougier St. York YO1 1HR. 01904 628982				
Managed	232.80	244.90	- 1.80	...
Unitised Profit	147.70	155.40	+ 0.20	...
UK Equity	323.10	340.00	- 2.50	...
Fixed Int	211.70	222.70	+ 0.50	...
Index-Linked	175.80	185.00	- 0.90	...
Cash Deposit	181.30	190.80	+ 0.20	...
Property	181.20	190.60	+ 0.90	...
International	189.60	199.50	- 1.90	...
American	193.40	203.50	- 2.10	...
Japan	244.20	256.90	- 7.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	250.00	263.10	- 7.80	...
European	202.40	212.90	- 1.20	...
Pacific Fund	308.50	324.60	+ 0.10	...
Conv Life	140.40	147.70	+ 0.10	...
Formerly Provident Mutual				
Managed Ord	532.50	560.50	- 3.30	...
Managed Initial	346.40	364.60	- 2.50	...
Equity Ord	823.10	866.40	- 6.10	...
Equity Init	535.50	563.70	- 4.20	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	213.70	224.90	- 0.80	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	145.20	152.80	- 0.70	...
Oseas Equity Ord	423.60	445.90	- 3.90	...
Oseas Equity Init	275.50	290.00	- 2.70	...
Property Ord	277.70	292.30	+ 1.40	...
Property Init	180.60	190.10	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Int Ord	308.10	324.30	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Int Init	200.50	211.10	...	...
Deposit Ord	215.80	227.20	- 0.30	...
Deposit Initial	140.40	147.80	+ 0.10	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE				
Royal Exchange London EC3. 0171 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	830.50	865.10	...	...
Managed Initial	508.80	535.60	- 4.40	...
-do- Acc	743.80	782.90	- 6.20	...
Equity Initial	775.70	816.50	- 9.30	...
-do- Acc	1133.90	1193.60	-13.10	...
Fixed Int Initial	471.90	496.80	- 1.90	...
-do- Acc	689.90	726.20	- 2.60	...
Intl Initial	500.50	526.80	- 4.60	...
-do- Acc	731.70	770.20	- 6.30	...
Nth Amer Initial	215.80	227.10	- 7.90	...
-do- Acc	287.10	302.20	-10.30	...
Pacific Initial	249.50	262.60	- 0.30	...
-do- Acc	328.80	346.10	- 0.30	...
Property Initial	177.80	187.20	...	...
-do- Acc	259.80	273.40	...	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	166.80	175.50	- 1.10	...
-do- Acc	221.90	233.50	- 1.40	...
Deposit Initial	201.40	212.00	...	...
-do- Acc	294.40	309.90	+ 0.20	...
Euro Initial	117.30	123.50	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	144.30	151.90	+ 0.50	...
HALIFAX LIFE LTD				
PO Box 235, York YO1 1YB 01904 611110				
Life Funds				
Foundation	27.87	29.33	- 0.10	...
Balanced	28.35	29.84	- 0.12	...
Opportunity	28.87	30.39	- 0.22	...
Deposit	24.62	25.92	- 0.01	...
Pension Funds				
Foundation	28.54	30.04	- 0.16	...
Balanced	28.75	30.27	- 0.19	...
Opportunity	29.38	30.93	- 0.29	...
Deposit	24.98	26.29	+ 0.02	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
HAMBRO ASSURED				
Harbour House, Portway, Preston, Lancs PR2 2PR. 01772 840008				
Managed	186.70	196.50	- 1.30	...
-do- Pens	234.70	247.00	- 2.10	...
UK Equity	194.70	204.90	- 2.30	...
-do- Pens	228.00	239.90	- 3.50	...
International	163.90	172.50	- 1.30	...
-do- Pens	181.10	190.60	- 1.80	...
Deposit	144.90	152.50	+ 0.10	...
-do- Pens	174.10	183.20	+ 0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION				
3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 0171 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	386.90	411.70	- 3.30	...
North America	417.50	444.20	- 8.70	...
Far East Fund	618.30	657.80	+ 1.40	...
Global Managed	516.30	549.30	- 2.90	...
Deposit Fund	238.80	251.40	+ 0.30	...
Prime Residential	136.40	143.60	- 0.60	...
European Fund	296.10	315.10	+ 1.70	...
Fixed Interest	67.90	72.30	...	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 0181 686 4355				
Security Fund	588.20	622.50	- 4.30	...
British Fund	604.80	640.00	- 7.60	...
International	612.40	648.10	- 7.30	...
Dollar Fund	465.70	492.90	-12.50	...
Capital Fund	547.20	579.10	- 5.40	...
Income Fund	777.00	822.30	- 6.50	...
Property Series A	468.30	495.60	...	4.50
Property Units	774.70	813.50	...	...
Financial Fund	691.70	732.00	-10.40	...
Managed Ser A	607.10	642.50	- 4.70	...
Managed Units	1091.00	1148.50	- 8.50	...
High Yield Fund	705.70	746.80	- 5.80	...
Money Series A	301.60	319.20	+ 0.20	...
Money Units	401.40	422.60	+ 0.40	...
Equity Fund	697.00	737.60	- 6.70	...
Fixed Interest	399.00	422.30	+ 0.70	...
Indexed Secs	199.20	210.80	- 0.70	...
European Fund	841.40	890.40	+ 0.10	...
Natural Res	334.50	354.00	+ 9.60	...
Far East Fund	705.20	746.30	- 7.40	...
Smaller Cos	542.70	574.30	- 0.80	...
Special Sits	535.70	566.90	- 2.10	...
Man Currency	278.90	295.20	+ 0.50	...
Japanese Tech	328.90	348.10	- 5.20	...
US Smaller Cos	338.50	358.30	- 4.90	...
Formerly Target Life Assurance Co Ltd				
Deposit	259.30	273.10	+ 0.20	...
Financial Ser 1	55.60	59.40	- 1.10	...
Fixed Interest	356.10	374.90	...	...
Gold	95.90	101.00	+ 2.00	...
Managed	677.10	712.80	- 5.00	...
Mngd Growth	216.00	227.50	- 1.40	...
Mngd Opp	227.80	239.80	- 1.70	...
Property	331.10	348.50	...	...
Residential Prop	103.20	108.70	...	...
TSB American	239.30	252.00	- 7.60	...
TSB Brit Gwth	979.50	1031.20	-10.80	...
TSB European	303.90	320.00	...	...
TSB Income	422.40	444.70	- 4.40	...
TSB Intl	469.20	493.90	- 9.60	...
TSB Intl Inc	324.60	341.80	- 0.50	...
TSB Pacific	439.40	462.60	- 3.00	...
TSB Prem Inc	275.40	287.70	- 0.70	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE				
Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 01727 42181				
Global Managed	640.30	674.00	- 4.70	...
Global Property	312.20	328.70	...	...
Global Fixed Int	562.10	591.70	- 1.40	...
Global Equity	692.60	729.10	- 6.50	...
Global Cash	223.30	234.90	...	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE				
Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 01452 371371				
Property	503.50	530.00	- 0.30	...
Managed	462.90	487.20	- 3.70	...
American	489.00	514.70	-11.30	...
UK Equity Fd	504.80	531.30	- 4.20	...
Japan	220.20	231.70	- 6.10	...
Index-Lkd	196.00	206.30	- 0.60	...
High Yield	939.70	989.10	- 5.60	...
Money	420.70	442.80	+ 0.30	...
International	439.30	462.40	- 4.60	...
Henderson Active	230.30	242.40	- 2.30	...
Perpetual Active	364.70	383.80	- 5.20	...
Growth Acc	721.30	759.20	- 5.60	...
Gilt Edged	465.40	489.80	+ 0.20	...
European	172.20	181.20	- 0.40	...
Far East	226.80	238.70	+ 1.00	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE				
2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 01273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.80	141.90	...	...
-do- Acc	193.00	203.20	+ 0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	160.20	168.70	- 1.80	...
-do- Acc	205.50	216.40	- 2.30	...
Cash Initial	169.20	178.20	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	300.90	316.80	+ 0.30	...
Equity Initial	723.80	761.90	- 9.50	...
-do- Acc	1287.20	1355.00	-17.90	...
Fixed Initial	364.10	383.30	- 0.50	...
-do- Acc	647.60	681.70	- 0.20	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	137.90	145.20	- 0.50	...
-do- Acc	209.20	220.30	- 0.80	...
Intl Initial	348.50	366.90	- 3.10	...
-do- Acc	610.10	642.30	- 4.50	...
Managed Initial	513.00	541.00	- 5.00	...
-do- Acc	913.80	961.90	- 8.90	...
Property Initial	219.90	231.30	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	391.00	411.60	+ 0.50	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 0181 902 8876				
Equity Units ‡	#144.16	...	+ 0.04	...
Property Units ‡	#27.10	...	+ 0.31	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	72.84	76.67	- 0.28	...
2nd Equity Acc	691.20	727.60	- 6.30	...
2nd High Inc Ac	665.40	700.40	- 4.60	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
2nd Property Acc	247.40	260.50	+ 0.60	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	195.40	205.70	+ 0.80	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	508.70	535.40	- 2.10	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	255.60	269.10	- 0.70	...
2nd Deposit Acc	296.20	311.80	+ 0.50	...
2nd Gilt Acc	330.60	348.00	+ 3.80	...
2nd Amer Acc	807.30	849.80	-31.40	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	275.70	290.20	+ 0.30	...
2nd Index Acc	217.90	229.30	- 1.30	...
2nd Far East Acc	472.90	497.80	+ 7.20	...
2nd Global Acc	190.80	200.80	...	...
2nd Euro Acc	177.30	186.60	+ 0.60	...
2nd Japan Acc	192.80	202.90	+ 2.20	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	177.20	186.50	+ 0.50	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	138.10	145.30	- 1.20	...
LONDON LIFE				
100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0117 9279179				
Equity ‡	987.50	...	- 5.00	...
Fixed Interest ‡	466.00	...	+ 1.40	...
Property ‡	429.80	...	+ 0.60	...
Deposit ‡	306.30	...	+ 0.40	...
Mixed ‡	656.30	...	- 2.70	...
Indexed Stock ‡	227.90	...	- 0.10	...
International ‡	327.80	...	- 2.10	...
Equity A ‡	228.80	...	- 1.10	...
Fixed Int A ‡	206.40	...	+ 0.50	...
Property A ‡	188.70	...	+ 0.30	...
Deposit A ‡	179.80	...	+ 0.20	...
Mixed A ‡	215.40	...	- 0.90	...
Index Stock A ‡	178.20	...	- 0.10	...
International A ‡	204.50	...	- 1.30	...
Equity P ‡	820.10	...	- 6.10	...
Fixed Int P ‡	623.40	...	+ 2.10	...
Property P ‡	335.60	...	+ 0.50	...
Deposit P ‡	365.10	...	+ 0.20	...
Mixed P ‡	606	...	- 3.50	...
Index Stock P ‡	261.90	...	...	...
International P ‡	387.40	...	- 2.80	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 01392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap ‡	606.20	...	- 1.70	...
-do- Acc ‡	1066.90	...	- 2.10	...
Property Cap ‡	142.80	...	+ 0.20	...
-do- Acc ‡	280.70	...	+ 0.40	...
Fxd Interest Cap ‡	202.50	...	- 1.00	...
-do- Acc ‡	343.70	...	- 1.30	...
Equity Cap ‡	342.80	...	- 5.70	...
-do- Acc ‡	590.60	...	- 9.30	...
Internatl Cap ‡	244.60	...	- 3.00	...
-do- Acc ‡	417.00	...	- 4.80	...
Gtd Deposit Cap ‡	163.00	...	- 0.10	...
-do- Acc ‡	271.90	...	+ 0.10	7.20
Flexible Cap ‡	363.10	...	- 4.70	...
-do- Acc ‡	623.50	...	- 7.60	...
Moneymaker Fd ‡	483.00	...	- 5.50	...
Capital Growth ‡	1932.10	...	-28.20	...
M & G				
Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 01245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	499.50	524.60	- 8.10	...
Amer Rec Bond	550.20	577.90	-11.30	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	261.50	274.70	- 5.50	...
Australasia Bd	255.10	268.00	- 0.80	...
Commodity Bond	368.30	386.80	+ 5.50	...
Deposit Bond Acc	377.00	395.90	+ 0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1655.80	1738.70	-12.50	...
European Bd Acc	433.30	455.10	+ 3.00	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	814.30	855.20	-10.00	...
Far East Bd Acc	335.90	352.80	- 3.20	...
Gilt Bond Acc	479.70	503.80	+ 0.80	...
Gold Bond Acc	190.40	200.10	+10.60	...
High Yield Bond	362.00	380.20	- 4.60	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	221.70	232.90	- 1.00	...
International Bd	839.00	881.10	- 4.30	...
Japan Bond Acc	256.20	269.10	- 6.50	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	244.80	257.20	- 1.50	...
Managed Bonds	951.70	999.40	-19.90	...
Prop Bond Acc	364.90	383.30	- 2.00	...
Rec Bond Acc	838.50	880.50	-22.60	...
MGM ASSURANCE				
MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 01903 204631				
UK Equity	246.90	259.90	- 2.70	...
UK Equity Acc	362.00	381.10	- 3.60	...
Special Sits	100.40	105.70	- 1.00	...
Special Sits Acc	147.30	155.10	- 1.20	...
North American	206.60	217.50	- 4.30	...
N American Acc	303.00	319.00	- 6.20	...
Pacific Basin	376.20	396.00	- 3.60	...
Pacific Basin Acc	551.60	580.70	- 4.90	...
Fixed Interest	297.30	313.00	- 0.20	...
Fixed Interest Acc	436.40	459.40	- 0.30	...
Property	179.00	188.50	...	...
Property Acc	262.80	276.70	+ 0.20	...
Deposit	153.60	161.70	+ 0.10	...
Deposit Acc	225.50	237.40	+ 0.20	...
Managed	280.40	295.20	- 2.60	...
Managed Acc	379.00	399.00	- 3.30	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS				
St Bartholomew House, Lewins Mead, Bristol BS1 2NH 0117 9266 366				
Property	425.10	447.40	+ 0.10	...
UK Equity	404.20	425.40	- 6.00	...
Gilt Edged	634.50	667.80	- 0.60	...
Interest Fund	411.50	433.10	+ 0.30	...
Managed Fd	532.80	560.80	- 4.50	...
Intl Equity	648.20	682.30	- 3.80	...
North American	241.70	254.40	- 5.10	...
Far East	486.80	512.40	- 1.30	...
Intl Currency	265.40	279.30	+ 0.90	...
NPI				
48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 0171 623 4200				
Managed	548.30	577.10	- 3.50	...
UK Equity	700.30	737.10	- 5.60	...
Overseas Equity	541.50	569.90	- 6.10	...
Americas	488.90	514.60	- 7.60	...
Far East	618.70	651.20	- 5.60	...
Property	218.00	229.40	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	425.80	448.20	+ 0.60	...
Indexed Gilt	247.70	260.70	- 0.90	...
Deposit	226.40	238.30	+ 0.20	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds				
PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 01603 622200				
Managed Fund	1608.60	1693.30	-13.80	...
Equity Fund	3545.30	3731.90	-36.10	...
Property Fd	598.60	630.10	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Int Fd	657.60	692.20	+ 1.00	...
Deposit Fund	366.30	385.60	+ 0.30	...
Intl Fund	274.00	288.40	- 3.00	...
OLD MUTUAL				
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 01256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	329.40	347.50	- 2.00	...
Fxd Interest Acc	262.90	277.40	- 0.10	...
International Acc	269.80	284.70	- 2.00	...
Managed Acc	240.00	253.20	- 1.10	...
Property Acc	217.30	229.30	- 0.20	...
Money Acc	161.50	170.40	+ 0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	244.80	258.30	+ 0.70	...
Japan Equity Acc	124.90	131.80	- 4.60	...
N Amer Acc	163.90	172.90	- 4.80	...
Pacific Acc	168.40	177.70	- 0.90	...
European Acc	193.20	203.90	+ 5.40	...
PEARL ASSURANCE				
The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 01733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	144.80	152.50	+ 0.10	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	324.90	342.00	+ 0.30	...
Inv Equity	1350.90	1422.10	-20.70	...
Inv Managed	945.90	995.70	- 9.70	...
Ret Managed	1077.50	1134.30	- 6.70	...
For Provident Mutual see General Accident				
PRUDENTIAL				
Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 0171 405 9222				
Managed	389.50	405.80	+ 3.80	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FDS				
1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 0171 548 3278				
Managed Fund	906.00	953.70	- 6.80	...
Equity Fund	1740.70	1832.40	-19.70	...
Intl Fund	720.70	758.70	- 6.50	...
Fixed Interest	616.80	649.30	- 0.50	...
Property Fund	489.00	514.80	...	...
Cash Fund	381.60	401.70	+ 0.20	...
Pacific Basin	406.70	428.20	- 2.80	...
N American Fd	320.00	336.90	- 8.20	...
Euro Fund	315.90	332.60	+ 0.80	...
Balanced Fund	177.20	186.60	- 1.30	...
Strategic Fund	189.30	199.30	- 2.10	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE				
Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 01733 390000				
Mult Grow (45) ‡	814.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	475.80	500.80	...	...
Op Prop	503.50	529.90	- 0.10	...
Op Equity	1113.50	1172.10	-10.80	...
Op High Yield	642.40	676.20	- 5.00	...
Op Managed	908.80	956.60	- 6.70	...
Op Deposit	410.50	432	+ 0.30	...
Inc Gth	334.10	351.60	- 3.90	...
Japan Smlr	250.40	263.50	- 4.50	...
Managed Gth	309.40	325.60	- 2.50	...
Gilt	88.50	93.10	...	...
British	429.80	452.40	- 5.80	...
Global Bond	131.90	138.80	+ 0.90	...
Global Inc & Gth	188.20	198.10	-12.30	...
Gold Share	98.80	103.90	+ 5.10	...
High Income	323.20	340.20	+10.90	...
Income	486.80	512.40	- 3.50	...
Japan	440.90	464	-13.00	...
UK Smlr Cos	408.30	429.70	- 6.10	...
Mngd Growth	514.90	541.90	- 3.40	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE				
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 0151 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	1087.60	1150.80	- 7.10	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	429.50	452	- 2.90	...
Equity Fund	613.10	645.30	- 3.90	...
Property Fund	336	353.60	- 0.30	...
International	535.70	563.80	- 1.80	...
Pacific Basin	291.50	306.80	...	...
United States	313.80	330.30	- 9.40	...
Gilt Fund	401.20	422.30	- 0.30	...
SAVE & PROSPER				
16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 01708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	843.20	892.30	- 4.20	2.28
Deposit Fund (2)	391.90	414.80	+ 0.60	7.06
Gilt Fund	570.40	603.70	- 1.20	7.84
Global Equity Fd	259.30	274.40	- 1.60	...
Property Fund (46)	116.70	123.50	+ 0.20	7.23
AG Bond Fund	160.30	169.70	- 0.20	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE				
150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 0141 248 2323				
Equity	669.90	705.20	- 7.70	...
Fixed Interest	406.00	427.40	- 3.10	...
Index-Linked	208.20	219.20	- 1.30	...
International	509.10	535.90	- 3.30	...
Property	302.40	318.40	+ 0.40	...
Cash	240.40	253.10	+ 0.10	...
Managed	522.60	550.20	- 4.60	...
Cap Gteed Bd	129.70	136.60	- 1.90	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE				
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 0131 556 9101				
Cash	189.643	199.626	+ 0.18	...
Index-Linked	172.10	181.30	- 0.90	...
Fixed Interest	199.30	209.30	- 0.30	...
Mixed	288.10	303.30	- 1.70	...
UK Equity	274.70	289.20	- 1.70	...
International	288.00	303.20	- 2.30	...
American	310.70	327.20	- 4.70	...
Japan	239.10	251.80	- 4.50	...
European	297.90	313.70	...	...
Pacific	377.10	397.10	+ 1.50	...
Technology	455.70	479.70	- 8.80	...
Frgn Bd/Crrcy	253.70	267.10	- 0.40	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 0131 225 2211				
Property	224.60	236.50	+ 0.30	...
UK Equity	401.80	423.10	- 3.60	...
American	291.50	306.90	- 5.90	...
Pacific	379.80	399.90	- 5.70	...
European	537.30	565.60	+ 0.40	...
International	350.10	368.70	- 4.40	...
Fixed Interest	258.70	272.40	+ 1.20	...
Index Linked	210.10	221.30	- 0.20	...
Deposit	203.80	214.60	+ 0.20	...
Managed	320.10	337.10	- 2.70	...
Worldwide	135.10	142.40	- 1.80	...
Pen Worldwide	146.30	154.10	- 2.50	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE				
109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 0141 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1864.50	1922.20	...	...
Safety Fund	257.90	271.50	- 0.50	...
Growth Fund	259.80	273.50	- 2.50	...
Opportunity Fd	260.60	274.40	- 2.40	...
Cash Fund	181.70	191.30	+ 0.10	...
European Fund	389.20	409.70	+ 0.90	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	220.80	232.50	+ 0.60	...
Index-Linked Fd	192.50	202.70	- 0.50	...
International Fd	315.50	332.20	- 3.50	...
North American	270.90	285.20	- 3.90	...
Property Fund	129.70	136.60	- 0.10	...
UK Equity	277.50	292.20	- 3.50	...
UK Smaller	272.00	286.40	- 0.30	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT				
6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 0131 556 9181				
Mixed	299.90	315.80	- 1.40	...
Equity	317.60	334.40	- 1.50	...
International	295.10	310.70	- 2.70	...
Property	233.70	246.10	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Interest	239.20	251.90	...	...
Index Linked	192.50	202.70	- 0.80	...
Cash	194.30	204.70	+ 0.20	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	891.40	948.40	- 5.30	...
Cash Fund	353.50	372.60	+ 0.30	...
Property Fund	297.80	313.90	+ 0.30	...
Equity Fund	1011.30	1075.90	- 7.30	...
Fxd Interest Fund	508.30	535.70	- 0.50	...
International	423.50	450.60	- 4.00	...
High Income	794.90	845.70	- 4.40	...
Far East	615.10	654.40	- 1.10	...
North American	650.50	692.10	-10.60	...
Special Sits	734.80	781.80	- 3.50	...
Technology	914.90	973.30	-16.90	...
Extra Income Fd	437.10	465.10	- 2.30	...
Gilt Fund	515.80	548.80	...	...
European	167.70	178.50	+ 0.40	...
Adventurous Mg	255.70	269.20	- 1.60	...
Secure Mgd	162.20	171.00	- 0.40	...
Equity Inc Dist	128.00	134.90	+ 0.10	4.36
Managed Dist	118.60	125.00	+ 0.10	6.30
SCOTTISH WIDOWS				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 0131 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	1090.70	1090.70	- 1.60	...
Inv Pol 2	988.50	1040.60	- 1.50	...
Inv Pol 3	939.40	989.00	- 1.40	...
Inv Cash	329.90	347.40	+ 0.40	...
Mixed Fund	510.00	536.90	- 4.50	...
Equity Fund	610.50	642.70	- 5.20	...
Property Fund	248.20	261.40	...	...
International Fd	559.10	588.70	- 5.00	...
Fixed Interest Fd	415.80	437.80	+ 1.30	...
Indexed Stock Fd	211.40	222.60	- 0.70	...
Cash Fund	238.40	251.00	+ 0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE				
Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 01703 334411				
Managed Acc	425.60	448.00	- 4.80	...
Equity Acc	517.00	544.20	- 8.00	...
International Acc	379.60	399.50	- 2.10	...
Property	232.00	244.20	- 0.10	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO				
3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0131 225 2552				
Cash	280.20	295.00	+ 0.30	...
Equity	1158.40	1219.40	- 8.20	...
European	188.10	198.10	- 0.80	...
Far East	184.00	194.70	- 2.60	...
Fixed Interest	440.30	463.50	+ 1.60	...
Index Linked	225.10	237.00	- 0.70	...
International	681.10	717.00	- 9.50	...
Managed	798.60	840.70	- 5.30	...
Nth American	171.70	180.80	- 1.40	...
Property	374.90	394.70	+ 0.20	...
Pensions				
Cash	442.70	466.10	+ 0.50	...
Equity	1737.30	1828.80	-16.00	...
European	231.40	243.60	- 0.40	...
Far East	150.70	158.70	- 2.70	...
Fixed Interest	619.40	652.10	+ 2.70	...
Index Linked	315.10	331.70	- 1.00	...
International	985.00	1036.90	-14.50	...
Managed	1161.50	1222.70	- 8.50	...
Nth American	220.30	231.90	- 5.30	...
Property	520.60	548.10	+ 0.90	...
Stock Exchange	262.20	276.10	- 2.60	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 01403 232323				
Managed Fund	757.10	797.00	- 7.60	...
Equity Fund	1002.20	1055.00	-12.40	...
Fixed Interest Fd	448.60	472.30	+ 0.30	...
Index-Linked Fd	340.30	358.30	- 1.00	...
Property Fund	533.60	561.70	+ 1.00	...
International Fd	747.00	786.40	- 7.40	...
N American Fd	307.40	323.60	- 8.80	...
Far East Fund	255.70	269.20	+ 0.30	...
Deposit Fund	312.50	329.00	+ 0.30	...
Intnl Bd ‡	#103.40	...	+ 1.70	...
Worldwide Bond	176.30	185.60	+ 0.40	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	187.30	197.20	- 0.20	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	759.60	799.70	- 3.00	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	508.60	546.60	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund ‡	619.80	...	+ 1.20	...
-do- Acc ‡	575.90	...	+ 1.00	...
Agricultural Fd ‡	860.80	...	+ 0.70	...
-do- Acc ‡	824.70	...	+ 0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd ‡	461.60	...	+ 0.60	...
Abbey Nat Acc ‡	485.90	...	+ 0.60	...
Investment Fd ‡	404.50	...	- 3.90	...
Investment (A) ‡	387.60	...	- 3.70	...
Equity ‡	1466.10	...	-17.10	...
Equity Acc ‡	1400.10	...	-16.50	...
Money Fund ‡	510.80	...	+ 0.50	...
-do- Acc ‡	477.60	...	+ 0.50	...
Actuarial Fd ‡	666.00	...	- 5.70	...
Gilt-Edged Fd ‡	421.30	...	+ 0.20	...
-do- Acc ‡	421.30	...	+ 0.20	...
Retire Annuity ‡	1283.00	...	...	...
Immed Annuity ‡	307.50	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life ‡	237.20	...	+ 0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 01256 841414				
Growth Acc ‡	1647.50	...	-14.50	...
Managed Acc ‡	941.40	...	+11.90	...
Equity Account ‡	1365.90	...	+18.30	...
Mngd Fund Acc	430.80	453.50	+ 5.70	...
Equity Fund Acc	593.40	624.60	+ 8.30	...
Prop Fund Acc	268.00	282.10	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	337.50	355.30	+ 1.60	...
Money Fund Acc	230.90	243.00	+ 0.10	...
Indx-Lnk Sec Ac	218.10	229.60	+ 1.10	...
Pers Pens Acct ‡	2157.20	...	+27.10	...
Pens Mngd Accs	1002.70	1055.50	+13.30	...
Pens Guarantee	275.00	289.50	+ 0.50	...
Pens Equity	388.40	408.90	+ 7.30	...
Pens Property	311.90	328.30	+ 0.50	...
Pens Fixed Int	319.00	335.80	- 1.20	...
Pens Intl	280.80	295.60	+ 4.00	...
Pens Money	250.90	264.10	+ 0.30	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	209.60	220.70	+ 0.10	...
SUN LIFE UNIT				
St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0117 9426911				
Managed Acc	998.50	1051.10	- 8.20	...
Property Acc	327.70	345.00	- 3.30	...
Equity Acc	1647.00	1733.70	-17.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	441.90	465.20	+ 1.30	...
Cash Acc	323.80	340.90	+ 0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	449.50	473.20	-11.90	...
Japan Acc	312.30	328.80	- 2.70	...
Pacific Acc	400.20	421.30	- 3.50	...
Far Eastern Acc	897.00	944.30	- 6.70	...
International Acc	666.90	702.10	- 8.50	...
Distribution Fund	288.70	303.90	- 2.20	5.92
European	213.20	224.50	- 0.10	...
Deflrd Dist	184.90	194.70	- 0.90	...
TSB LIFE LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 01264 345678				
Managed Fund	317.20	333.90	- 2.60	...
Property Fund	234.10	246.50	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest Fd	245.90	259.00	+ 0.80	...
Money Fund	209.40	220.60	+ 0.20	...
Equity Fund	413.40	435.20	- 3.90	...
WINDSOR LIFE				
Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 01952 292929				
Managed Bond	773.90	815.50	+ 7.00	...
Money Fund	331.90	349.40	+ 0.30	...
Equity Fund	708.30	745.50	+19.60	...
Fixed Interest	306.10	322.20	+ 1.20	...
Property Fund	346.10	364.30	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	651.80	686.80	-21.30	...
Income	825.40	869.80	- 5.10	...
International Gth	682.60	719.30	-12.30	...
Capital Fund	690.90	728.00	+ 0.20	...
Recovery Fund	660.90	696.40	- 5.60	...
Japan & General	277.40	292.30	- 6.40	...
Formerly AEtna				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	18.86	19.85	+ 0.03	...
Bear	21.73	22.87	- 0.10	...
Owl	23.40	24.63	- 0.32	...
Bull	19.94	20.99	- 0.29	...
Stag	20.95	22.05	- 0.06	...
Gilt Edged	20.32	21.39	- 0.05	...
Deposit	16.43	17.29	+ 0.03	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	26.01	27.38	+ 0.05	...
Bear	30.75	32.37	- 0.04	...
Owl	32.65	34.37	- 0.26	...
Bull	26.39	27.78	- 0.22	...
Stag	27.17	28.60	+ 0.11	...
Gilt Edged	25.98	27.35	- 0.06	...
Deposit	21.55	22.68	+ 0.04	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	650.95	...	- 8.77	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	387.93	408.35	- 4.30	...
N Amer Equity	328	345.26	-12.20	...
Far East Equity	401.97	423.13	- 0.32	...
Fixed	321.78	338.72	- 0.66	...
Cash Deposit	213.96	225.22	+ 0.39	...
Property	149.07	156.92	+ 1.73	...
Special Opp	394.49	415.25	- 0.90	...
Managed	343.32	361.39	- 4.93	...
Index-Linked Fd	201.28	211.87	- 1.33	...
Formerly Crown				
Life Mangd Acc	643.60	677.40	...	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	401.40	422.50	...	...
Life Equity Acc	920.90	969.30	...	...
Life Money Acc	312.40	328.80	...	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	842.10	886.40	...	...
Life Intl Acc	532.00	559.90	...	...
Life High Inc Acc	869.70	915.40	...	...
Life Property Acc	254.40	267.70	...	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1416.00	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	791.50	833.10	...	...

هكذا من الأصل

WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

Pre-authorisation not acceptable

From Mr D. Brookes

Sir, I was pleased to read the article by Marianne Curphey on January 6, regarding William Vidal's experience of pre-authorisation of credit cards. I can now appreciate that I am not alone in refusing to allow pre-authorisation on my card.

I use hotels on average 30 nights per year and over the past 18 months the practice of asking for pre-authorisation has become increasingly common, and in some cases increasingly aggressive. Even a hotel that I have used more than 100 times in the past three years recently asked me *for a pre-authorisation.*

In refusing to allow clerks to take a blank of your card, you are treated like a pariah. You are *firmly* told this is "common practice" or "company policy". The implication is always that it is you who are untrustworthy and if you point out that it is not your company policy to allow anyone to have free access to your credit card, it is made clear that the hotel policy is more important than yours.

Sir is obviously a pre-authorisationist
RECEPTION
GED

Over the past 12 months in *particular, I have felt* increasingly isolated at hotel reception desks when checking in. I have been subjected to cross-*examinations by reception* staff, been made to wait for the manager and watched other customers dealt with ahead of me while I was waiting. On one occasion last year I adopted Mr Vidal's approach and agreed to pay for the room in advance, but the manager then pointedly told the receptionist that I could have no further credit at the hotel *during my stay. I took all my* meals, including breakfast, elsewhere in the town and used none of the facilities at the hotel. Credit card companies appear to condone this practice in spite of warning cardholders never to let their card out of sight and to ensure that blank vouchers are destroyed.

In my case, my credit card company (Girobank Visa) supported the hotel, suggesting that a dispute was unlikely and in any event the credit card company "... have certain powers which allow us to resolve any disputes between hotel and cardholder".

Pre-authorisation appears to be becoming a situation in which the individual cannot be right and where the old courtesies extended to the customer are being eroded.

Like Mr Vidal I will continue to object to this practice and perhaps next time I object I will get some support from other customers as they check-in in front of me while I am patiently waiting to see the manager.

Yours faithfully,
DAVE BROOKES.
31 Andrews Way,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.

Red herrings in the water industry debate

From Mr R. Rench

Sir, Mr Bill Beckwith (Weekend Money Letters, January 6) contends that without privatisation the water industry was incapable of raising the billions necessary to make good previous under-investment. Not at all; that assertion, as subsequent events have established and confirmed beyond doubt, was a government-generated myth.

Apart from insignificant amounts produced by shareholders opting for shares in lieu of dividends, the whole of the industry's extensive capital programme has been funded by borrowing and by substantial increases in charges on the captive consumers.

Precisely the same course could have been followed had the water services remained in public hands. And, moreover, it would have been without having to incur the costs of grossly inflated pay and "perks" for executives, dividends for shareholders, a regulatory system and other overheads.

As Scotland has clearly demonstrated, it did not require privatisation to achieve improvements in environmental standards to which Mr Beckwith has referred. The answer lay solely in having the freedom to raise funds in the manner employed for decades by public authorities prior to being subjected to the "red herring" constraint of the PSBR.

Yours sincerely,
ROLAND RENCH,
8 Minshull Place,
Park Road,
Beckenham,
Kent.

When the bank 'cashes in' over charges

From Mr D. Law

Sir, I read your article "Uncle, they shrunk my present" in *The Times* (December 23). I recently wrote a cheque for £420 on my Canadian bank account, which, when cashed by the recipient, netted him *£370.11 — £49.89* having been deducted in bank charges by the National Westminster Bank. I have written in vain to the manager and to customer services in Bath and wonder who else I could write and complain to.

I am told that foreign banks agents' charges totalled £30.29 and the Nat West charges were £19.60. I feel these charges are exorbitant for processing one cheque but nobody else seems to agree.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID LAW,
42 Station Road,
Chiseldon,
Wiltshire.

Case for splitting pensions on divorce

From Mrs G. Widdison

Sir, I agree with the sentiments expressed in Olga Wikeley's letter (December 30). Thousands of women can expect to receive little or no state pension and can also expect a poor deal if they divorce.

The provisions of the Pensions Act, albeit flawed, have done something to remedy this situation. However, the legislation will now come into effect in July 1996, instead of April, as originally proposed. During the intervening month, there will be as many as 40,000 divorces. The delay will mean that these wives will not be able to take advantage of the concessions in the Act.

I am a member of Fairshares, a national group which is lobbying hard for the splitting of pensions on divorce. We contend that this is a fairer and more rational solution than the division of the husband's pension on retirement, as outlined in the Pensions Act. Postponing the split until retirement is a policy which will create poverty in old age and dependence on the State for many women.

There is still time to resolve this issue by amending the *Family Law Bill* to give the wife who has devoted herself to home and family a fair share of her husband's pension. I was myself married for close to 37 years, during which time I raised three children and supported my husband's career at the expense of my own.

Yours faithfully,
GILL WIDDISON,
49 Shrubbery Road,
Gravesend, Kent.

Pep plan to pay off your home loan

THE Halifax, the UK's biggest building society, has become the first high street lender to offer routinely a personal equity plan (Pep) as a method of repaying a mortgage.

The move is an acknowledgement that endowments are no longer acceptable by the public as suitable for repaying mortgages. They have been strongly criticised for carrying too high charges, for failing to produce the returns necessary to pay off the loan, and for returning little or no money to investors, if surrendered early. The Halifax denied it was *pulling out of* selling endowments altogether. Mike Blackburn, chief executive, said: "While Tax *Free Home Plan* will be our flagship mortgage repayment plan, we will continue to offer and recommend repayment and endowment-based mortgages where they are more suitable for customers."

The Halifax will still offer endowments, says Mike Blackburn

The Pep part of the loan will be provided by Halifax Life, a subsidiary of the society. It will be based on one unit trust run by the life company, which has been going for one year. Anyone who takes out a Pep mortgage of any sort has to take out level term assurance, to ensure their mortgage is paid off if they die. The Halifax is packaging this this life cover together with the Pep. The combined product carries a 7.5 per cent initial charge and a 0.5 per cent annual charge.

According to the Halifax, the monthly repayments for a £50,000 mortgage over 25 years would be £364.62. Of this, £284 would be the interest on the loan and £80.62 would be the Pep and life cover contributions combined. A Pep mortgage also gives investors the possibility of benefiting from a tax-free sum after the mortgage has been paid off. Many financial advisers believe that Peps are one of the most tax-efficient ways of saving to pay off the loan, but they caution that they are not guaranteed. A sudden fall in the stock market could leave borrowers short of the sum they need.

CAROLINE MERRELL

A guide through the maze

CHASE de Vere, the independent financial adviser, this week published its 14th Pep guide.

The guide contains details of all 1,190 Peps available, including the new corporate bond Peps which were launched in the middle of last year.

As well as giving specific details about each Pep on the market, the 204-page guide also gives a brief history of Peps and lists some tips on achieving maximum returns.

Chase de Vere points out about 116 corporate bond Peps have been launched this year, many of which offer rates that are better than building society and bank deposit rates.

Chase de Vere also offers six monthly performance charts to accompany the publication. The guide costs £12.95, and the performance charts cost £2. More information on 0800 526091.

CAROLINE MERRELL

5% DISCOUNT ON TOP PERFORMING PEPS

We arrange PEP's from the UK's leading providers for a handling fee of *just* £25 and rebate the *full* 3% commission to the investor. In addition to our 3% commission rebate, we are currently able to offer further discounts (up to 2%) from several major players, all highly respected for outstanding achievements in the field of investment performance. So investing in a PEP through Elson Associates gives the investor the best of both worlds — an unlimited choice of all the top performing PEP's together with the very best discounts available in the UK. Save up to £275 on a maximum £6,000 PEP.

GO DIRECT AND YOU WON'T COLLECT

our generous commission rebate

ACT NOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VERY BEST DISCOUNTS ON OFFER IN THE UK FOR YOUR 1995/96 PEP.

Are you unhappy with the performance of your existing PEP? Whether it be with a bank, building society or other financial institution, if you are dissatisfied with the performance of your current PEP, you may wish to consider transferring it on the same advantageous terms as above. Cut your losses and act now! A change for the better could pay you great *dividends!*

For further details on purchasing or transferring PEP's through Elson Associates, please complete and return the coupon below to Elson Associates, FREEPOST DT1138, 18 Maxwell Road, Welling, Kent DA16 1BR or alternatively telephone us on

FREEPHONE 0500 691790

Elson Associates

Regulated by the PIA Personal Investment Authority

The value of investments and any income from them can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount invested. Taxes relating to PEP's may change if the law changes and the value of tax relief depends on the circumstances of the investor. We will not be offering any advice as to the suitability of the product(s) we are promoting in this advert. These investments are not suitable for everyone. If you have any doubt whether an investment we are promoting is suitable for you, you should obtain expert advice.

Name: ....

Address: ....

....

Please send me details of the above offer by return of post ☐ (please tick box).

I am considering an investment £.............. in the ....(company)

....(fund)PEP. Please send me the relevant application form together with a note of your discounted terms.

GUARANTEED BOND

6.70% Net p.a.

SEYMOUR SINCLAIR INVESTMENTS

Plus a 1.5% Cash-Back Bonus 0171-935 6445

6 YEAR GUARANTEED INCOME OR GROWTH BOND - FREE OF BASIC RATE TAX

This Bond being offered from a UK Insurance Company on a 'first come first served' basis, provides a fixed minimum net yield of 6.7% p.a. or 6.4% p.m. and Guaranteed return of capital after 6 Years. Or a minimum 150% Guaranteed Capital Growth.

INCOME PAID MONTHLY OR ANNUALLY

HIGHER INCOME OR HIGHER CAPITAL GROWTH FOR EARLY AND LARGE INVESTMENTS

150% (Min) GUARANTEED CAPITAL GROWTH OPTION

There is likely to be a great demand for this limited issue Guaranteed Income/Growth Bond, so apply early. Invest through Seymour Sinclair on an 'Execution Only' basis and you will receive this high rate of return and a commission rebate BONUS of 1.5% of your investment - money that you would otherwise not receive if you invest direct. Offer closes 16/2/96 latest

Seymour Sinclair who have approved and issued this advertisement are not offering advice or recommendations regarding this Bond and nothing in this advertisement should be construed as constituting advice or recommendation on this product. If you are unsure as to the suitability of the product as regards your own particular financial circumstances, you should seek independent financial advice, either from ourselves or elsewhere. We are only marketing this products which are offered by a UK Life Assurance Company

For full details of the Guaranteed Bond
write to: FREEPOST 18 (WD2312)
SEYMOUR SINCLAIR INVESTMENTS
42 WELBECK STREET, LONDON W1E 7LR.

Name ____________
Address ____________
____
Postcode ____________

SEYMOUR SINCLAIR INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISERS ARE REGULATED BY THE PERSONAL INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

PENSIONS MADE SIMPLE.

Advice you can Trust
Directly by telephone 24 hours a day

0345 6789 10

Issued by Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society, a mutual company.
Regulated by the Personal Investment Authority.
Information/advice will only be provided on Scottish Widows products

SCOTTISH WIDOWS

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	621.20	660.90	- 9.70	2.60
General Inc	533.70	567.80	- 8.30	2.60
UK Growth Acc	419.30	446.10	- 6.30	2.80
UK Growth Inc	279.30	297.30	- 4.10	2.80
Higher Inc Acc	770.70	819.90	- 8.20	4.17
Higher Inc Inc	428.80	456.20	- 4.60	4.17
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	207.40	219.10	+ 0.20	5.47
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	95.36	100.70	+ 0.10	5.47
Nth America	321.40	342.00	-13.60	..
Europe	325.70	346.70	- 1.10	0.70
[illegible]	84.05	89.42	- 1.33	2.92
Brit Fndmtls Acc	112.60	119.80	- 0.70	4.70
Brit Fndmtls Inc	78.65	83.68	- 0.47	4.70
Global Opps	95.78	101.90	- 2.30	0.29
Balanced Acc	61.00	64.90	- 0.62	2.00
Balanced Inc	58.38	62.11	- 0.59	2.00
Japan Acc	47.88	50.94	- 1.08	...
Pac Basin Acc	399.00	424.50	+ 0.70	0.95
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	132.40	140.50†	- 0.10	7.12
High Inc Equity	175.30	187.50†	- 0.76	4.40
Worldwide Bond	294.00	311.70	+ 2.10	4.49
American Growth	327.30	340.80†	- 6.90	0.37
Asian Pacific	333.40	356.60	+ 2.90	0.14
Assets & Earnings	285.90	304.10	- 3.20	2.87
Euro Capital Acc	164.60	176.00	- 0.40	0.59
Extra Inc	44.54	47.38†	- 0.12	8.40
General	264.40	281.30	- 2.50	2.96
Global Opps	61.62	64.92	- 0.22	0.46
Japan	126.90	135.30	- 3.50	.
Managed Inc	47.60	50.64†	- 0.17	4.59
Mastertrust	156.90	167.80	- 1.50	1.48
US Emerging Cos	167.60	178.30	- 5.20	
Ethical	75.63	80.45	- 0.65	2.45
International	130.10	138.40	- 1.10	0.67
Dividend & Growth	65.22	69.38†	- 0.32	4.42
Global Gwth & Sec	71.16	76.02	- 0.02	2.67
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	94.86	100.98†	- 0.60	2.51
American Portfolio	110.80	117.42†	- 1.77	0.93
European Portfolio	113.87	121.52	+ 0.81	0.47
High Income	52.57	52.60	+ 0.26	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	70.65	74.48†	- 2.01	..
Pacific Portfolio	154.22	165.83†	+ 1.84	1.36
UK Inc & Growth	88.65	94.77	- 0.98	2.84
Utility & Bond	57.73	58.40	+ 0.28	6.54
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	735.11	747.23	+ 8.64	4.31
Fxd In Sec	157.88	158.44	- 0.51	9.03
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	721.89	732.81	- 4.74	4.42
Investment Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-21.18	...
Fixed Int Inc	127.66	128.18	+ 0.19	8.97
Fixed Int Acc	217.22	218.10	+ 0.34	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	94.40	99.56	- 0.27	2.98
Beck Bio-Tech	45.60	49.30†	- 1.43	
Asian Ethical Tst	162.64	176.92†	- 0.71	0.83
City Fin Assets	77.94	81.84	+ 0.67	2.04
City Fin America	106.17	111.49	- 2.36	..
City Fin Intl	89.51	93.99	- 0.36	0.87
City Fin Japan	155.10	162.87†	+ 3.87	...
Friars Hse Cap	297.05	321.42†	+ 7.25	2.27
Friars Hse Inc	197.14	208.72	- 2.34	4.24
Buckley Wrld Gth	139.72	147.04	- 1.59	...
Falmouth Cap Gth	145.34	152.99	- 0.16	.
Falmouth Intl	156.39	164.62	+ 0.37	...
J Sid Inc/Gth Inc	55.53	58.31†	- 0.21	2.45
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	58.67	60.13	+ 1.27	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	71.50	76.06	- 3.09	
Dragon Growth	71.77	76.75	+ 0.62	0.69
Equity High Inc	88.93	94.61†	- 0.53	3.98
-do- Accum	124.32	132.25	- 0.74	3.99
Extra Income Inc	26.61	28.02†	- 0.06	7.20
Extra Income Acc	28.02	29.50	- 0.07	7.20
European Gwth	59.15	62.76	- 0.15	1.05
Evergreen	29.50	31.56	- 0.41	..
General Equity	95.56	101.61	- 0.77	2.90
Japan Growth	53.10	56.49	- 1.06	...

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
World Health	207.00	220.30	- 5.30	...
Income	189.20	201.27†	- 0.17	4.25
UK Growth	74.37	79.11†	- 0.23	0.44
International	83.11	88.41	+ 0.51	0.87
Ecology	92.48	98.37	- 0.60	1.09
European	149.45	158.98	+ 1.00	..
Far Eastern	313.30	333.20	- 7.40	..
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	101.80	104.49†	- 0.20	7.37
Gilt Yield	120.10	126.02†	+ 0.60	6.70

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Growth	417.80	444.46	- 4.75	2.70
-do- Accum	559.98	595.72	- 6.37	2.70
M W JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1427.70	1451.30	-15.70	2.90
Income #	1027.40	1045.50†	- 8.70	4.10
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	158.70	163.00	+ 0.80	3.71

For Manulife see Cannon Life

INVEST & EARN
up to 13% without
Capital Risk

THE INSURANCE POLICY TRADING COMPANY LTD

Brokers of Quality Tax Efficient Investment Policies and Portfolios suited to Individuals, Companies, & Pension Funds

22 Church Street, Godalming,
Surrey; GU7 1EW
☎ 01483 427575 Fax 01483 418866

We are a *FIMBRA* member

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global Income	227.50	242.00	- 0.10	3.58
High Yield	145.40	155.70†	...	5.76
-do- Accum	466.00	485.70†	+ 0.20	5.76
Smllr Cos Div	56.71	60.33	+ 0.21	2.84
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	126.30	134.40	- 0.80	...
Asian Growth	350.00	372.30	+ 8.90	0.22
-do- Accum	411.30	437.50	+10.50	0.22
North American	95.40	101.50†	- 2.50	0.26
European Special	118.00	125.50	+ 1.00	0.10

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 000				
M & S Inv Pfolio	168.00	178.60†	- 1.30	2.13
-do- Accum	197.10	207.50†	- 1.50	2.13
UK Sel Pfolio	148.50	154.20†	- 1.20	2.45
-do- Accum	174.10	183.30†	- 1.40	2.45
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	75.00	79.70	+ 0.15	9.55

هكذا امز الحصل

Gains eroded at the close

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3090¾	2137½	ABN-AMRO	3075	+16½	4.2	11.4
656	413	Abbey Nat	638½	+8½	3.8	12.8
369	250	Allied Irish	367	+4	3.9	10.7
313	198	Aus New Z	309	+2	5.2	
4425	2531¼	Bank America	3849¼	−25	...	...
307½	191½	Bank Scotland	298½	−½	2.7	12.7
812½	557½	Barclays	750	+4	3.8	10.2
488	288	Bk of Ireland	473	+11	3.6	9.6
525	418	Cater Allen	463	+14	8.1	7.7
4718¾	2450	Citicorp	4043¾	+12½	..	
340½	216¼	Close Bros	335	...	3.2	14.9
£162¼	£129¼	Commerzbk	£154¼	−175	3.6	
1378	993¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1225	−37½	0.4	...
3231¼	2775	Deutsche Bk	3118¾	+21¼	2.4	..
681¼	568¼	Espirito Santo	662½	...	5.4	8.9
1671	1138¼	Fuji Bank Y	1441	+4¼	0.4	..
480	385	Gerrard Nat	484	+4	6.1	16.0
253	180	Hambros	204	..	4.6	
1050	588	HSBC	1001	+3	3.5	13.0
1801½	578	HSBC HK	978½	−1½	3.6	12.7
413	228	Irish Perm	413	...	2.8	9.5
463	353	Joseph (L)	453	...	5.2	15.8
152	85	King Shaxson	150		7.5	11.7
417	217	Lloyds TSB†	398	−1	...	...
607	479	Nat Aust Bk	602	−1	6.7	8.4
697	454	Nat West	635	+1	4.5	9.9
67	44	Rea Brothers	65	..	1.9	26.0
639¼	373½	Ryl Bk Scotl	545	−4	3.7	12.8
1478	806¼	Schroders	1353	+3	1.3	19.3
1180	623¾	Schroders N/V	1098	+6	1.6	15.5
111	81	Singer & Fried	106	...	4.4	11.0
625	246	Stand Chart	564	−8	2.0	14.2
121	70	Union	95	−1	3.9	.
£145¼	9043¾	Wells Fargo	£131¾	..	2.3	..
289½	211	Westpac	289½	+6½	4.7	...
295	200	Wintrust	270	−5	5.5	15.2

BREWERIES

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
278	143	Ascot Hldgs	278	+1		0.6
735½	487	Bass†	703	−7	4.0	16.2
473	238	Boddington	473	+3	2.4	24.3
182	137	Burtonwood Brwy	174		3.9	16.8
198	137	Eldridge P 'A'†	194		3.0	.
433	335	Fuller Sm 'A'†	418		2.6	16.5
588	402	Greenalls Gp	572	+4	3.1	...
658	468	Greene King†	613	−2	2.9	15.1
357	240	Hardy Hanson	313	−4	4.1	.
160	130	Heavitree	155		4.5	10.9
3425	3048	Holt J	3108	−4	2.2	16.6
347	219	Mansfield	320	−1	2.1	16.1
325	286	Marston Thmpt	319	−3	2.9	15.0
583	391½	Morland†	583	+5	2.5	18.3

DISTRIBUTORS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	88	Alb Lds	88	−4	6.2	9.0
595	430	Adams & Harvey	435		5.6	5.7
21	13	Alexanders	16	...	5.5	26.3
113	88	Appleyard	101	..	7.4	10.9
4¼	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	
623	506	BSS Group	526	...	4.7	15.1
39	31	Bandt	37	...		
24½	15½	Bearing Power†	16	...	9.8	11.4
28	18	Bogod 'A'†	26		3.4	9.3
483	345	Brammer	426	−1	4.0	16.4
21	18¼	Bridgend Gp	18	..	7.4	.
95	78	Bult Fittings	87	...	4.6	13.2
270	215	Caffyns†	245	...	5.9	16.9
88	54	Central Mtr	77	...	4.5	20.8
94	70	Charles Sidney†	82	...	5.6	12.9
61	35	Cook (DC)†	55	...	3.9	8.1
320½	229	Cowie	301	...	3.9	13.0
155	125	Dag Motors	125	.	7.1	10.4
598	503	[illegible]	538	−2	2.4	
501	375½	[illegible]	385		4.7	12.5
378	236	Electrocomponents†	334	+4	2.2	22.7
288	153	Eurodis Elec	274	+3	1.9	19.0
235	64	Eurodollar†	92	+8	10.6	5.5
120	87	European Mtr	95	.	6.8	8.2
440	280	Evans Halshaw	287	.	8.8	8.9
732	512	Farnell Elect	684	+5	1.8	19.9
72	48	Fife Indmar	66	...	8.2	10.8
24½	15	Gardiner	18½	.	5.5	8.1
37	16	Glenchewton	34½		1.1	.
108	61	Gowrings	86	...	9.5	14.3
218	148	Harris (Philip)†	218	.	4.2	13.0
225	142	Headlam	223	.	2.4	19.5
554	258	Henlys	549	+8½	2.3	20.4
137	81	Holders Tech	133	.	5.6	25.3
163	88	ISA Intl	153	.	1.3	16.7
430	200	Inchcape	260	.	7.2	23.8
65	53	Jacks (Wm)	60	.	1.6	11.4
187	142	Kwik-Fit	178	...	3.2	15.2
358¼	354½	Lex Service	323	+2	5.6	17.2
195	144	Lookers	144	−2	6.6	7.9
22	9	Malaya Gp	10½	...	5.7	14.2
9¼	5	[illegible]	6¼		0.7	20.1
71	38	Midstates	42			5.9
534	330	[illegible]	475	..	2.0	16.1
268	78	[illegible]	257	+7	0.9	20.6
165	135	PCT	135	.	7.1	9.8
283	225	Pendragon	276		3.8	14.4
186	123	Perry Gp	147		6.5	11.1
146	126	Quicks Group	138	...	5.2	11.8
198	160	REA	185	..	2.7	22.0
3¼	2¼	Reece	2¾			
73	48	Ronson	69	−2	2.6	12.0
6½	2½	Ross Gp	3½			
63½	37½	SEP Intl	63½		3.8	.
17½	8½	Saltire	13			7.4
271	228	Time Products	263	−3	4.4	15.4
275	151	Vardy (Reg)	271	+2	2.8	15.0

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
24	19½	Locker (T) A	19½	−2	2.8	15.0
45	29	ML Hldgs	39		4.2	12.7
39	19	MS Intl†	31	−1	2.4	...
239	137	Mang Bronze	227		2.8	11.3
476	378	McKechnie†	412	−5	5.0	12.3
96	61	Meggitt	95½	...	5.1	25.6
126	91½	Metalrax	112	−1	4.2	17.9
138	96	Metsec	98		4.0	20.7
825	487	Molins	772	+1	2.6	13.5
415	293	Morgan Crble	408	+1	4.2	17.5
316	178	Motors Amtly†	264		3.3	13.7

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
217	172	Bankers†	214½	+½	2.5	..
49½	28½	Baring Em Eu	48	+2¼	...	...
375	308	Baring Tribune	371	..	2.3	
96	84¼	Br Assets	94	...	8.1	...
88	83	Br Empire Sec	87¼	...	1.3	...
40	25	Br Empire Wts	39	..		
233	194	Br Invt	227	..	2.9	..
101	66	Brazilian	70¼	...	...	...
288	211	Brunner	258		2.8	..
136	115	BZW Conv†	124½	−1	7.8	..
508	318	Candover	488	+1	3.2	...

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
82	72¼	Murray Emg Eco	80½	+1	1.3	.
40	18	Murray Em Eu Wt	31	+2½	..	..
65	54	Murray Euro	57½	.	0.8	...
17½	6	Murray Eu Wts	7½	.		..
381	308	Murray Income†	374		4.0	.
395	296	Murray Intl	381	+2	4.1	...
183	142½	Murray S/C DP	181½	..		..
151	136	Murray S/C Cap	148	+1		..
81	72	Murray S/C Inc	72	.	19.8	.
3250	2300	Murray S/C Uts	3025	.	0.5	.
464	376	Murray Small	461	+1	1.3	.

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
345	315	Black (A&C)	325	...	5.4	12.8
381	174	Blenheim Gp	345		5.3	18.1
254	198	Border TV	249	−1	2.2	20.4
368	335	Bristol†	367	...	4.5	18.9
461	242	BSkyB	491	−5	0.8	45.5
150	136	CIA Gp	138	.	1.8	28.2
30	22	Caledonian Med	25½		...	...
381	343	Capital Radio†	365	−3	2.3	..
1082	851	Carlton Comm	1013	+23	1.8	.
405	248	Chrysalis	404	..	0.9	...
100	81	City of Lond	81	..	7.7	10.3

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
121	78	Int Biotech	104	+1	1.2	
57	20	Int Wts	37	+1	.	
107½	74	INVESCO Asia	107½	+2	.	
72	51	INVESCO Blunt	60	.	17.5	.
139¼	88	INVESCO Eng Intl	137	+½	8.7	
149	122	INVESCO Korea	135	..	.	.
61½	49	INVESCO Tokyo	59½	+½	.	
99	82	J Fry 2nd Ut	86½	.	9.7	..
94	78	J Fry Euro U	79		7.0	.
249	174	JF Fledg Jap	242		..	.
128	99	Jupiter Intl Gm	123	−1	3.5	.

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
235	197	Barr & Wall	219	..	6.3	11.6
394	202	Bluebird Toys	319	+12	3.2	10.4
502	333	Boosey Hwks	502	+2	1.5	27.5
76	42	Bk for the Bdr	65	−1	3.2	17.0
3¼	1¾	Brent Walker	1¾	..		.
46	33	Burndene	35	.	7.1	.
26½	5¼	Casket Plc	6¼	.	7.4	
97	70¼	City Centre Rest	94		2.7	18.2
494	305	Compass Gp	473		2.0	30.7
288	201	Eurocamp	233	+10	5.7	10.9
250	118	Euro Disney	158	.		

IF YOU'RE AN ACTIVE TRADER, ACT NOW.

Trade at least 25 times a year? Look what Fidelity Active Trader offers you - Commission from £15 - Priority Callfree access to qualified dealers - Excess ICS cover up to £5m - Designated nominee service. And more. Call free today.

FIDELITY ACTIVE TRADER 0800 222 190

Fidelity Brokerage Services, Freepost KT4392, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 6BR. I make my own investment decisions and trade at least 25 times a year. Please send me a brochure and application for ☐ Fidelity Active Trader. ☐ Self Select PEP. ☐ Options Trading.

Mr/Mrs/Miss ....

Address ....

... Postcode ....

Fidelity Brokerage

WE CUT COMMISSION – NOT SERVICE.

This advertisement is issued by Fidelity Brokerage Services, member of the London Stock Exchange and regulated by SFA.

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
258	194	Klnwt Chrt	257	+½	2.6	.
133	95½	Klnwt E Mid	123	+1	..	
137	110	Klnwt End	134			
85	73	Klnwt Euro Prvt	84½	+¼	3.3	.
27½	21	Klnwt Euro Wts	23¾			..
91	74	Klnwt H Inc	84	..	12.8	.
279	213	Klnwt O'seas	276	.	1.6	.
141	111	Klnwt Smlr	141	..	2.1	
605¼	427¼	Korea—Euro	565½	−1	0.1	.
125½	71	Latin American	110	+½	.	
985	718	Law Debenture	924	+1	2.9	.
102	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	100		.	...
29½	26	Lloyds Sm Div	27	..	17.1	..
130	102	Lloyds Sm Pkg	127	.	3.6	

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
181	93	Euro Leisure	173	..		5.2
118½	56	First Choice	71	.	7.1	
383	262	First Leisure	376	+2	2.4	22.3
375	224½	Forte	369	+½	3.3	22.2
175	133	Friendly Hotels	150		4.8	17.6
708	476	Granada†	683	−1	2.2	16.1
225	108	Groupe Chez Ger	226	+2	1.3	26.9
38	18	Hi-Tec Sports	34	+2	4.7	.
168	95	Hornby	155		4.0	13.3
243	134	Jarvis Hotel	240	−3	3.3	15.2
26½	14¼	Kunick	23½		3.2	...
443	264	London Clubs†	436		4.0	15.6
167½	122	Ladbroke	154	+2	4.9	48.8
213	122	Man Utd	188	..	3.0	7.9

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
132	116	M&G Inc Packaged	131	..	4.9	
67	54½	M&G Inc Zero Div	67	+½	.	
30½	22½	M&G Rec Cap	32½	+½	.	
61½	47	M&G Rec Geared	48	..	10.3	
30	24½	M&G Rec Inc	25½		19.9	.
142	127	M&G Rec Package	138		3.6	
92	73	M&G Rec Zero Div	91	+½		
123	100	M Currie Euro	121		0.4	
107	93½	M Currie Japan	106			..
154	119	M Currie Pac	148		0.1	
225	162	Majedie	222		3.2	..
57	42	Malvalon	43		..	
286	241	Merchants	280½	+2	5.4	
94¼	78½	Mercury Euro Pvt	93¼		1.9	...
32	23½	Mercury Eur Wt	27	+½		
100¼	78	Mercury World	99		0.8	
31	14	Mercury Wld Wts	25½	+1		
593	482	Monks Inv Tst†	582	+1	1.9	
164	125	Morg Gren Inc	158		4.0	
83	40½	Morg Wts	58			
86	48	Morg Lat Amer	64½	+1		
49	30	Morg Wts	22½			..
138	104	Murray Ent	117		2.5	.
34	17	Murray Ent Wts	22			

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1058	845	Savoy Hotel 'A'	970	..	0.9	51.2
89½	74½	Stakis	82½	...	2.7	
398	314	Stanley Leisure	353	...	2.2	16.6
17½	13	Tandem	13½	.	4.8	2.7
348	280	Tanjong	346		0.9	23.4
1619	997	Thorn EMI†	1599	+1	2.8	25.3
248	117	Tottenham Hot	246	+2	1.5	8.8
113	63	Toy Options†	94		3.5	
263	161	VCI	262		2.1	17.9
156	100	Vardon	115	+2	1.7	17.2
650	216	Wembley	320			
135	96	Zetters Gp	126	...	9.8	10.0

MEDIA

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	335	Abbott Mead	467	...	2.1	27.7
310	250	Adscene	289	..	3.7	14.9
41	22	Anglo Gp	39½			15.8
7¼	1½	Allied Radio	3¼		..	...
15	9	BBB Design	15			
315	156	Barbour Index	311	.	3.6	38.4
10½	4½	Bidstate	8	−¼	...	

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
41½	26½	Paxus	31¼			
29¾	22½	Premier	27½		...	16.7
43	11	Presidio	11			...
96	41	Pittencrieff Rs	49		1.3	
427	221	Ramco Eny	416	+4	0.3	57.5
453	330	Ranger	385	−10	6.2	
9268¼	6885¼	Royal Dtch Fl	8831½	−18¾	4.0	16.6
4509¾	3218¼	Schlumberger	4290½	−21¼	2.3	
49	24	Scott Pickford	24	...	4.7	18.5
108¼	67½	Seafield	87	+1		45.8
880	687	Shell	840	−7	4.3	18.7
4640¼	3234¼	Total	4568¼	+62½	3.4	16.1
14½	8½	Villiers Gp	13			
348	221	Woodside	339	−5	1.1	
58	26	XCL	27			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	75	BWD	87	+1	6.0	14.2
78	38	Berry Bch Rbl	40		8.1	11.3
285	148	Biotec Inv	260	+2		..

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
158	112	Brown Shipley	153	...	4.9	15.9
744	625	Caledonia†	713		3.0	22.1
2422	1900	Cazenove	2300		2.0	27.2
22½	13	Carlisle	19	+¼	1.6	20.2
218	142	Cattles	216		3.5	19.1
35	16	Chirton	21			
102	61	EFT Group	85	...	2.4	17.1
775	653	EFM	679	...	4.4	15.9
186	97	Exco	97	−1	7.7	4.9
305	161	Gartmore	269	...	2.6	23.3
1272	983	Henderson Ad	1135		5.0	23.2
286	162½	Invesco	241	+2	2.5	16.6
49	41	Investment Co†	42	.	6.8	12.8
237	198	Ivory Sime†	234		4.1	17.4
249¼	154½	Jardine Strat	205	+3½	4.6	6.6
144	85	Johnson Fry	118	−2	4.2	9.3
242½	131	Lon Forfaiting	233	..	5.1	16.6
379	220	London Pacific	221	.	8.5	3.6
182	116	Lon Scot Bk	176	−1	3.1	20.5
182	138	Man ED & F†	149	−1	8.1	7.6
1354	853	M & G†	1283	+5	3.1	25.9
348	224	MAI	342	+12	3.2	17.0
130½	78	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	124½	+3	5.9	
965	680	MAM	867	−1	4.0	19.1
130	90	Nat Home Loan†	104	..	1.2	3.6
1913	1150	Perpetual†	1878	+13	2.7	19.8
852	515	Provident	804	+5	3.9	17.6
335	245	Rathbone Bros	334	−1	3.6	17.2
41½	24½	Rutland Tst	39	..	4.2	17.0
355	281	S & U	315		5.2	9.3
133	101½	SJP Capital	105½		3.6	20.0
527¼	305¼	Swire Pacific	527¼	+2½	2.3	30.7
78	39	Towry Law	39		8.0	
371	302	TransAtlantic	340		5.2	22.8
26	3	Trio Hldgs	5			
26	15	Western Selecn	15	...	..	69.7

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2100	426	Brit Biotech	1783	+50	.	.
380	188	Cantab Pharms	380	..		
614	233½	Celltech	576		.	...
375	92½	Chiroscience	305	+8		
188	31	Cortecs	168	+1		
917	587	Glaxo Wellcome	873	−3	4.3	20.0
294	162	Medeva	275	−1	1.6	17.7
719	272	Scotia	558	+18	.	
722	444	SmithKline†	690	−3	2.4	20.5
714	416	SmKline Unit	676	−6	2.5	20.1
1337½	840	Zeneca	1230	+3	2.9	25.1

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
566	476½	Allied Domecq†	534	−5	7.4	13.2
510	390	Bulmer (HP)†	509		2.0	15.9
146	99	Burn Stewart	130		4.8	26.5
467	352	Grand Met†	444	−5	4.2	15.6
536	404	Guinness	493½		3.6	15.0
445	317	Highland Dist	328	−4	3.0	14.9
217	175	Macallan Glen	193		0.9	41.3
710	600	Macdon Mrtn 'A'†	625		2.2	17.5
694	532	Matthew Clark	566	−3	4.1	
140	61	Merydan Wf	107	−1	2.3	

WATER

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
611	443	Anglian†	577		5.8	6.8
430	295	Mid Kent Hldgs†	429		3.9	11.6
1180	676	Northumbrian†	1108		3.2	9.2
689	475	Severn Trent†	624	−3	6.0	7.5
2400	1655	South Staffs	2388		3.8	17.9
556	459	South West†	499	−2	7.0	6.9
731	517	Southern†	661		5.3	8.0
575	456	Thames†	533	−1	6.3	7.3
645	467¼	Utd Utilities	569	−4	5.6	7.3
800	592½	Welsh†	723	−2	7.3	8.6
109½	100½	Welsh Con Prf	103½	−¼	9.5	.
361	258¼	Wessex†	320	−4	5.4	6.8
677½	472	Yorkshire†	594	−3	6.0	7.8

Source: Fastal

© USM. # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. ▲ Ex rights issue. ▼ Ex all. § Ex capital distribution. * Figures or report awaited. .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 index

BRITISH FUNDS

1995/6 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
109⅝	102¹¹⁄₁₆	Treas 15¼% 1996	102¹⁵⁄₁₆	..	14.85	6.28
107¼	102¾	Exch 13¼% 1996	102⅝		12.95	6.24
104¹⁹⁄₃₂	103⅛	Conv 10% 1996	103⅝	...	9.70	6.13
101⅝	97⅞	Treas 7% 1997	101¼	+¹⁄₁₆	6.92	6.19
109²⁵⁄₃₂	105¹⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 13¼% 1997	109¹⁵⁄₁₆xd	...	12.38	6.11
105²⁵⁄₃₂	104¾	Exch 10½% 1997	104⅞		10.05	6.14
104¹³⁄₁₆	100⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 8¾% 1997	103²⁵⁄₃₂	+⅛	8.43	6.23
117⅞	114¼	Exch 15% 1997	114¾		13.11	6.29
107⅞	102⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	106⅞ †	+¹⁄₁₆	9.17	6.32
102⁵⁄₁₆	98⅜	Treas 7¼% 1998	101¹³⁄₃₂	+⅛	7.13	6.36
100⅛	94¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100⅜		6.74	6.60
117¾	114⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	116⅝	.	12.06	6.50
124⅛	120⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	121⅝	+⅛	12.77	6.52
114⅝	109²⁵⁄₃₂	Exch 12% 1998	113²⁵⁄₃₂	+⅛	10.54	6.57
108⅝	100⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	107⅝ †	+⅛	8.82	6.60
118⅝	111⅝	Exch 12¼% 1999	115²⁵⁄₃₂	+⅛	10.57	6.66
111¹³⁄₁₆	105¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 10½% 1999	111⅝	+⅛	9.43	6.68
98⅝	89⅝	Treas 6% 1999	97¹³⁄₁₆	+⅛	6.13	6.68
112⅝	105⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	111⅛	+⅛	9.18	6.74
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
108¾	100¹⁵⁄₁₆	Conv 9% 2000	107⅝	+⅛	8.36	6.82
105⅝	96⅝	Treas 8% 2000	104¹⁵⁄₃₂	+⅛	7.63	6.84
124¼	117	Treas 13% 2000	123⅝ †	+⅛	10.54	6.84
113⅝	104⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 10% 2001	112¹⁵⁄₃₂	+⅛	8.87	7.04
100¹³⁄₃₂	90⅝	Treas 7% 2001	99⅝	+⅛	7.01	7.04
114	103¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 9¾% 2002	113⅜	+⅛	8.61	7.21
104¹⁵⁄₁₆	94⅝	Treas 8% 2003	104⅛	+⅛	7.67	7.25
116⅝	105⅝	Treas 10% 2003	115⅝	+⅛	8.65	7.30
119⅝	110⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118⅝	+⅛	9.69	7.13
83⅝	78⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	82⅝ †	+⅛	4.23	6.18
113¹³⁄₁₆	103⅝	Conv 9½% 2004	113⅛	+⅛	8.40	7.45
96⅝	86⅝	Treas 6¾% 2004	95⅝	+⅛	7.06	7.45
108⅝	97⅝	Treas 8½% 2005	107⅛	+⅛	7.93	7.46
114⅝	103⅝	Conv 9½% 2005	113⅝	+⅛	8.39	7.50
130⁹⁄₁₆	119⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129⁹⁄₁₆	+⅛	9.63	7.42
101⅛	94⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 7¾% 2006	100⅝	+⅛	7.48	7.47
102⅜	92⅝	Treas 7¾% 2006	101⅝	+⅛	7.62	7.52
104⁹⁄₁₆	93¾	Treas 8% 2002-06	102⁹⁄₁₆	+⅛	7.77	7.60
124⅝	113⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123⁹⁄₃₂xd	+⅛	9.50	7.38
108⅝	97⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 8½% 2007	107⅝ †	+⅛	7.92	7.55
138⅝	126⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	136⅝	+⅛	9.86	7.42
112⅝	101⅝	Treas 9% 2008	111⅝	+⁹⁄₃₂	8.08	7.60
103⁹⁄₁₆	94	Treas 8% 2009	103	+⅛	7.77	7.65
LONGS (over 15 years)						
87⁹⁄₁₆	79⅝	Treas 6¼% 2010	87⅝	+⅛	7.17	7.74
112⅝	101¹⁵⁄₁₆	Conv 9% 2011	111¹⁵⁄₁₆xd	+⁹⁄₃₂	8.07	7.73
112⁹⁄₁₆	102⅝	Treas 9% 2012	111⅝	+⅛	8.06	7.74
82⁹⁄₁₆	72⅝	Treas 5½% 2008-12	81⅝	+⅛	6.75	7.47
103⅝	93⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 8% 2013	102⁹⁄₁₆	+⅛	7.81	7.75
101⅛	91⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	100⅝ †	+⅛	7.75	7.78
103⅝	93⅝	Treas 8% 2015	102⅝	+⅛	7.81	7.78
111⅝	100⅝	Treas 8¾% 2017	109⅝	+⅛	7.98	7.81
141⁹⁄₁₆	127⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	139⅝	+⅛	8.59	7.84
UNDATED						
45⅝	40⅝	War Ln 3½%	44⅝	−⅛	7.84	.
31⅝	28⅝	Treas 2½%	31⅝	+⅛	7.88	...
50⅝	45⅝	Consols 4%	49⅝xd	...	8.01	.
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
215⁹⁄₃₂	201⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	215⅝	+⅛	..	1.86
112⅝	108⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112⅝	+⅛	1.33	2.47
179⅝	165⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2001	178⅝	+⅛	2.88	3.33
175	161⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2003	174⅝	+⅛	3.06	3.42
115⅝	108⅝	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115⅝	+⅛	3.07	3.40
184⅝	168⅝	Treas IL 2% 2006	183⅝xd	+⅛	3.18	3.44
166⅝	152⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2009	166	+⅛	3.27	3.49
173⅝	157⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	171⅝	+⅛	3.32	3.52
142⅝	129⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	141⅝	+⅛	3.38	3.55
152⅝	137⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150⅝xd	+⅛	3.43	3.59
146⅝	131⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	144⅝	+⅛	3.49	3.61
122⅝	108⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2024	120⅝xd	+⅛	3.48	3.60
120⅝	108⅝	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	119⅝ †	+⅛	3.48	3.61

هكذا من الأصل

Rusedski's resurgence to be tested by Becker

By Our Sports Staff

GREG RUSEDSKI, the British No 1, will have his resurgence in form severely tested when he faces Boris Becker, three times the Wimbledon tennis champion, in the first round of the Australian Open next week. The draw was made yesterday, as Rusedski's progress in the Peters International tournament in Sydney was halted when he lost 7-5, 7-6 to Todd Martin, of the United States, in the semi-final.

Though buoyed by his successes in the warm-up event, which included a victory over Richard Krajicek, of Holland, the No 2 seed, and a 29-minute demolition of Carsten Arriens, of Germany, Rusedksi will need to show the best form of his career to overcome Becker, who will be seeded No 4 at Flinders Park.

Martin, who will be seeded No 15 next week, must first face Goran Ivanisevic in the final of the Sydney event. The Croat, who will be seeded No 10 in Melbourne, earned the right to meet him there with a 6-3, 7-6 win over Todd Woodbridge.

Ivanisevic believes he can mount a serious challenge for the Australian title, having acquired the patience and shot-selection that have so often betrayed the advantage gained by his destructive service.

"Before, I did not have much patience and would go for a winner every second shot," he said. "Now I have to think what to do — whether to go for a winner or not. Physically, I'm in very good shape and can stay back and rally with anyone."

Rusedski's fellow Briton, Tim Henman, fared little better in the draw. He is faced with Petr Korda, the unseeded but talented Czech, who is renowned for his heavy hitting style.

Andre Agassi's preparations for next week's event, the first grand slam tournament of the year, were thrown off course when he was defeated 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 by Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the semi-final of the Colonial Classic in Kooyong. The Russian, who has his own designs on the Australian title, will face Michael Chang, a 6-4, 6-0 winner over Jim Courier, in the final today.

Agassi, who was warned for verbal abuse as he struggled to cope with an onslaught of pace and power from a player who reached the quarter-finals of two grand slam tournaments last year, as well as the semi-final of the French Open, was quick to endorse his opponent's credentials after the match.

"He's certainly a factor to be dealt with and he's talented enough to take the next step," Agassi said. "He's a threat to anybody on a good day."

Kafelnikov said: "I have a really good draw to the quarter-finals of the Open, and if I have a couple of easy matches, anything can happen."

Clare Wood, the leading British woman player, successfully negotiated the first round of the qualifying tournament for the Australian Open, beating Christine Newman, of the United States, 7-6, 3-6, 6-3. Wood now faces Virag Csurgo, of Hungary, in the next round. She requires two more victories to secure her place in the tournament proper.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN SEEDS (US unless stated): Men: 1, P Sampras; 2, A Agassi; 3, T Muster (Austria); 4, B Becker (Ger); 5, M Chang; 6, Y Kafelnikov (Russ); 7, T Enqvist (Swe); 8, J Courier; 9, W Ferreira (SA); 10, G Ivanisevic (Cro); 11, R Krajicek (Holl); 12, A Boetsch (Fr); 13, M Rosset (Switz); 14, A Medvedev (Ukr); 15, T Martin; 16, P Haarhuis (Holl). Women: 1, M Seles; 2, C Martinez (Sp); 3, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); 4, M Pierce (Fr); 5, K Date (Japan); 6, G Sabatini (Arg); 7, I Majoli (Cro); 8, A Huber (Ger); 9, M J Fernandez; 10, L Davenport; 11, B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl); 12, N Zvereva (Bela); 13, C Rubin; 14, A Frazier; 15, N Sawamatsu (Japan); 16 A Coetzer (SA).

Syed's backhand was well to the fore in yesterday's win which took him a step nearer the Atlanta Olympics

Syed deserted by luck of the draw

By Richard Eaton

MATTHEW SYED won his group with his fourth well-taken victory before finding himself landed with the toughest second-stage section at the Olympic table tennis qualifying competition in Manchester yesterday. After beating the Polish No 2, Piotor Skierski, 21-19, 21-11, 18-21, 21-9, the England No 1 had hoped for a luckier turn of the wheel than to have been included in the same group as Jorgen Persson, a fomer world champion, and the English Open champion, Damien Eloi.

The top two will earn places at Atlanta, but unless Syed is at his very best today he may find that he has to go to a third stage, which tomorrow decides two more Olympic qualifiers from the third and fourth-placed players in each group.

Happily, Syed was in good form against Skierski. He snuffed out a first game recovery from 14-19 to 19-20 by the Pole by mixing attack and defence on game point and then by varying chopped and floated defensive strokes through most of the second game.

At 14-11 in the third game, he produced a forehand chop, taken inches from the floor, and coupled it with a running backhand smash for a winner which had Skierski throwing his arms wide in despair. Curiously though, the contest tilted the Pole's way for a while after that as Syed, apparently trying to conserve his energies for later battles, lost concentration. Another spectacular low chop and running smash combination got the Englishman firing again at 8-7 in the fourth game, however, and from then on his defence strangled all of Skierski's attacking ventures.

Andrea Holt, the other England No 1, and Alison Broe, the former English national champion, both lost matches which left them as qualifiers for the second stage in second places in their groups.

Lisa Lomas, a former European silver medal-winner, had a good win in four games over the former English open champion, Elena Kovtun, which won her her group. She then had a tense second-stage match against the Yugoslav, Jasna Lupulescu, but won 11-21, 21-19, 22-20, 21-14.

Results, page 47

Super Bowl beckons as Packers aim high

By Oliver Holt

GREEN Bay legend says that any child lucky enough to touch a Packer player goes straight to heaven. Last Monday, the residents of the blue-collar Wisconsin city left their porch lights on to guide the plane bringing their team home from victory over the San Francisco 49ers, lending another mystical element to their success story this season.

Led by their highly-rated quarterback, Brett Favre, the Packers will take on America's Team, the Dallas Cowboys, in Texas Stadium tomorrow for the privilege of meeting either Indianapolis Colts or Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XXX in Phoenix, Arizona, in a fortnight. They have lost five times in a row to the Cowboys, but the country is willing the Packers to be swept to victory on a wave of nostalgia.

The Cowboys, with their formidable running back, Emmitt Smith, metronomic quarterback, Troy Aikman, and flamboyant maverick, "Neon" Deion Sanders, are the slight favourites, but then the Packers were not expected to beat the 49ers either.

"It was important for us to make a statement that we are one of the elite teams in football," Favre, who has thrown 164 consecutive passes without interception, said after the 27-17 victory. "We beat the best team in the sport and we beat them pretty good, but we still have a way to go."

This year's surprise contenders, the Colts, play the Steelers in Pittsburgh. Their hosts were hot favourites to make it to the Super Bowl last year, but, amid the premature making of rap videos, the choreographing of end-zone dances and predictions of an easy win in the championship game, they forgot they had to beat the San Diego Chargers first and duly lost.

"There will be no rap or nothing this time," John L. Williams, the full back, said. "We are going to have a very professional work ethic and attitude. There is a definite sense of urgency among the older guys here. We may not have any more chances."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Jackman cruises to last eight

THERE was a dash of glamour when the second round of the QM national squash championships started at Edgbaston Priory, in Birmingham, yesterday (Colin McQuillan writes). Cassandra Jackman, of Norfolk, the No 1 seed, swept through to a quarter-final today in which she will meet Linda Charman, of Sussex, the surprise finalist last year.

Jackman took just half an hour to dispose of Sally Felton, of Northamptonshire, 9-4, 9-1, 9-4, and Charman reduced that by half to remove Kelly Buckley, of Essex, for a single point.

Botha fails test

Boxing: Axel Schulz, of Germany, may be given another chance to win the International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight title after confirmation, yesterday, that Francois Botha, of South Africa, has tested positive for a banned anabolic steroid, nandrolone. Botha beat Schulz for the vacant title on December 9 in Stuttgart, but the A sample of his urine, taken after the bout, failed the drugs test. Representatives of the IBF will be present when the B sample is tested. If that also proves positive, Botha will be stripped of the crown and Schulz, 27, will be asked to meet a different opponent for the title.

Birdies in Sky

Golf: The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews confirmed yesterday that BSkyB was among the companies interested in the future televising of the Open Championship when the existing contract, between the Royal and Ancient and BBC Television, expires later this year.

'Friendly' foe

Cycling: Barrie Clarke defends his British open cyclo-cross title tomorrow against 99 challengers on a course at Sutton Park, Birmingham, that he describes as "friendly" after victory there last year.

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket*

FA Carling Premiership
(1) Bolton v Wimbledon
(2) Everton v Chelsea
(—) Leeds v West Ham
(3) Manchester Utd v Aston Villa
(4) Middlesbrough v Arsenal
(5) Nottm Forest v Southampton
(6) QPR v Blackburn
(—) Sheff Wed v Liverpool
(7) Tottenham v Manchester City

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	21	15	3	3	42	18	48
Man Utd	22	12	5	5	41	27	41
Liverpool	21	11	5	5	40	20	38
Tottenham	22	10	8	4	31	22	38
A Villa	20	10	5	5	27	15	35
Arsenal	22	9	7	6	28	20	34
Nottm F	21	8	10	3	32	31	34
Middlesbro	22	9	6	7	23	21	33
Everton	22	9	5	8	32	24	32
Blackburn	22	9	5	8	33	26	32
Leeds	21	9	5	7	28	27	32
Chelsea	22	8	8	6	23	24	32
Sheff Wed	21	6	7	8	32	32	25
West Ham	20	6	5	9	22	30	23
Wimbledon	22	5	6	11	31	44	21
Southampton	21	4	8	9	20	31	20
Coventry	21	4	7	10	28	43	19
Man City	21	5	4	12	12	31	19
QPR	22	5	3	14	17	33	18
Bolton	22	2	4	16	21	44	10

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Rushden and Diamonds; Burton v Baldock; Cambridge City v Halesowen. Chelmsford v Stafford, Gloucester v Merthyr; Gravesend and Northfleet v Cheltenham, Hastings v VS Rugby; Newport AFC v Crawley; Salisbury v Gresley; Sudbury Tn v Dorchester. Worcester v Ilkeston. Midland division: Bedworth v Grantham, Bridgnorth v Rothwell. Bury Town v Bilston; Hinckley Town v Dudley Town; Kings Lynn v Solihull, Moor Green v Evesham, Paget R v Nuneaton. RC Warwick v Buckingham Town, Redditch v Sutton Coldfield; Stourbridge v Leicester United; Tamworth v Corby. Southern division: Bashley v Erith and Belvedere. Cinderford v Tonbridge Angels; Clevedon v Forest Green, Newport (IoW) v Fisher 93, Poole v Havant. Trowbridge v Braintree, Waterlooville v Margate; Weston-super-Mare v Ashford. Weymouth v Fleet; Witney v Sittingbourne, Yate v Fareham

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Fourth round: Brigg Town v Bedlington Terriers. Burgess Hill v Collier Row; Canvey Island v Gorleston. Chichester v Thamesmead (1.30); Clitheroe v Willenhall Town. Diss v Banstead, Durham v Belper Town, Flixton v Dunston FB. Lye v Barwell; Lymington AFC v Torpoint (1.30). North Ferriby v Anstey Nomads. Paulton v Mangotsfield, Rounds v Taunton; Trafford v Selby; Windsor and Eton v Peacehaven and Telscombe, Wivenhoe v Aveley

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
(—) Crystal Palace v Ipswich
(8) Derby v Reading
(9) Luton v Southend
(10) Millwall v Port Vale
(11) Oldham v Barnsley
(12) Portsmouth v Grimsby
(13) Stoke v Leicester
(14) Tranmere v Sheffield Utd
(15) Watford v Huddersfield
(—) * West Bromwich v Wolves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby	25	13	7	5	41	29	46
Charlton	24	10	9	5	31	24	39
Leicester	24	10	8	6	40	35	38
Huddersfld	26	10	8	8	35	32	38
Birmingham	24	10	8	6	34	30	38
Sundrland	22	10	8	4	30	19	38
Southend	25	10	8	7	28	28	38
Grimsby	24	9	10	5	30	27	37
Stoke	25	9	9	7	35	32	36
Millwall	25	9	9	7	26	30	36
Norwich	26	9	8	9	38	33	35
Ipswich	24	8	9	7	44	36	33
Tranmere	23	9	6	8	34	26	33
Barnsley	25	8	9	8	33	41	33
C Palace	23	8	8	7	30	31	32
Oldham	24	7	10	7	34	28	31
Portsmth	26	7	8	11	40	43	29
Reading	24	6	10	8	31	33	28
Port Vale	25	6	8	11	30	38	26
Wolvrhmptn	24	5	9	10	30	36	24
West Brom	24	7	3	14	28	41	24
Watford	23	5	9	9	27	30	24
Sheff Utd	24	5	6	13	31	43	21
Luton	23	4	7	12	19	38	19

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Harrow; Bishop's Stortford v Dulwich; Boreham Wood v Molesey; Carshalton v Yeading; Chertsey v Purfleet. Enfield v Sutton United, Grays v Walton and Hersham; Hayes v Hendon; Hitchin v Yeovil; Kingstonian v Bromley; St Albans v Worthing. First division: Abingdon Town v Ruislip Manor; Barton Rovers v Aldershot Town; Berkhamsted v Whyteleafe; Heybridge Swifts v Barking; Leyton Pennant v Bognor Regis; Maidenhead United v Marlow; Oxford City v Uxbridge; Staines v Chesham; Thame v Billericay; Wembley v Basingstoke; Wokingham v Tooting and Mitcham. Second division: Bedford T v Cheshunt; Bracknell v Dorking; Edgware v Ware; Egham v Tilbury; Hampton v Chalfont St Peter, Hungerford v Saffron Walden; Leatherhead v Witham, Metropolitan Police v Hemel Hempstead. Third division: Cove v East Thurrock; Flackwell Heath v Clapton; Harefield v Horsham, Harlow v Leighton, Hertford v Epsom and Ewell; Lewes v Kingsbury; Northwood v Hornchurch; Wingate and Finchley v Tring

LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Llansantffraid; Barry v Connah's Quay (2.30); Briton Ferry v Conwy; Caernarfon v Porthmadog; Cemaes Bay v Inter Cardiff; Cwmbran v Afan Lido; Flint Town v Llanelli; Newtown v Caersws (2.30); Rhyl v Ton Pentre.

Second division
(16) Bradford v Brighton
(17) Bristol City v Crewe
(18) Burnley v Stockport
(19) Carlisle v Chesterfield
(20) Hull v Rotherham
(21) Oxford Utd v Brentford
(22) Peterborough v Bournemouth
(23) Swansea v Bristol Rovers
(24) Walsall v Shrewsbury
(25) Wrexham v Blackpool
(26) Wycombe v Notts County
(27) York v Swindon

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	23	13	8	2	39	15	47
Crewe	22	13	5	4	42	23	44
Blackpool	22	11	6	5	34	23	39
Notts Co	21	11	6	4	33	18	39
Shrwsbury	24	11	4	9	34	30	37
Bradford	23	11	4	8	34	34	37
Chestrfld	22	10	6	6	34	24	36
Burnley	22	9	8	5	35	27	35
Wrexham	22	8	10	4	34	25	34
Wycombe	22	8	10	4	30	22	34
Stockport	24	8	9	7	29	24	33
Bournemth	24	9	5	10	25	31	32
Oxford Utd	22	8	7	7	29	23	31
Bristol R.	23	8	6	9	25	33	30
Walsall	22	7	8	7	24	18	29
Bristol City	23	6	9	8	22	30	27
Peterboro	22	6	8	8	28	32	26
Carlisle	24	5	8	11	29	38	23
York	22	6	4	12	25	37	22
Rotherham	23	5	7	11	25	36	22
Brentford	22	5	6	11	18	29	21
Swansea	23	4	8	11	22	39	20
Brighton	23	5	4	14	19	37	19
Hull	22	2	8	12	17	36	14

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Leek; Barrow v Guiseley; Blyth Spartans v Bamber Bridge; Boston v Colwyn Bay; Buxton v Frickley; Chorley v Spennymoor; Droylsden v Matlock; Emley v Knowsley; Gainsborough v Marine; Winsford v Hyde, Witton v Bishop Auckland. First division: Alfreton v Lancaster; Ashton United v Eastwood Town, Atherton LR. v Whitley Bay; Bradford PA v Harrogate Town; Congleton v Warrington; Curzon Ashton v Gretna; Great Harwood v Leigh; Lincoln United v Workington; Netherfield v Worksop; Radcliffe v Farsley Celtic.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Swindon.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge U v Arsenal; Leyton Orient v Ipswich; Millwall v Southend; Portsmouth v Gillingham; Queens Park Rangers v Fulham, Tottenham Hotspur v Charlton; Watford v Chelsea; West Ham v Norwich.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Ards v Glenavon; Glentoran v Bangor; Linfield v Crusaders; Portadown v Cliftonville.

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round: Cobh Ramblers v Sligo (7.45); Finn Harps v Longford (7.30).

Third division
(28) Chester v Bury
(29) Colchester v Barnet
(30) Doncaster v Torquay
(31) Exeter v Hartlepool P
(32) Fulham v Scarborough
(33) Gillingham v Lincoln
(34) Hereford v Cambridge Utd
(35) Leyton Orient v Mansfield
(36) Northampton v Cardiff
(37) Preston v Plymouth
(38) Rochdale v Darlington
(39) Scunthorpe v Wigan

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gillingham	23	13	7	3	30	8	46
Chester	24	12	7	5	42	28	43
Preston	23	10	11	2	48	21	41
Plymouth	23	10	7	6	37	25	37
Colchester	23	9	9	5	34	27	36
Bury	23	9	8	6	26	29	35
Camb Utd	23	9	6	8	36	38	33
Darlington	22	8	9	5	24	21	33
Rochdale	22	9	5	8	33	26	32
Wigan	23	8	8	7	30	28	32
Doncaster	22	9	5	8	26	31	32
Exeter	25	6	12	7	27	30	30
Barnet	24	6	12	6	24	26	30
Northmptn	23	7	7	9	26	25	28
L Orient	24	7	7	10	24	33	28
Hartlepool	23	6	8	9	24	33	26
Cardiff	24	6	8	10	23	29	26
Hereford	22	5	10	7	27	27	25
Scarboro	23	5	10	8	28	33	25
Mansfield	23	4	12	7	31	42	24
Scunthrpe	21	5	8	8	28	28	23
Fulham	22	4	11	7	28	32	23
Lincoln	22	5	7	10	23	36	22
Torquay	23	2	8	13	20	45	14

Vauxhall Conference
(—) Altrincham v Slough
(—) Bath v Telford
(—) Dagenham and Red v Southport
(—) Gateshead v Farnborough
(—) Hednesford v Northwich
(—) Kettering v Dover
(—) Kidderminster v Macclesfield
(—) Morecambe v Woking
(—) Runcorn v Bromsgrove
(—) Stevenage v Halifax
(—) Welling v Stalybridge

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
(40) Hearts v Falkirk
(41) Kilmarnock v Hibernian
(42) Motherwell v Partick
(43) Rangers v Raith

First division
(44) Dumbarton v Airdrie
(45) Dundee Utd v St Mirren
(46) Dunfermline v Clydebank
(47) Greenock Morton v Dundee
(48) Hamilton v St Johnstone

Second division
(49) Berwick v Forfar P
(50) Clyde v Stenhousemuir
(51) East Fife v Queen of South P
(52) Montrose v Ayr
(53) Stranraer v Stirling

Third division
(54) Alloa v Caledonian Thistle
(55) Arbroath v East Stirling
(56) Livingston v Albion
(57) Queen's Park v Brechin
(58) Ross County v Cowdenbeath

Tennents Scottish Cup
Second round replays
(—) Annan Ath v Berwick (1.30)
(—) East Fife v Spartans
(—) Fraserburgh v Whitehill W
(—) Keith v Deveronvale

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v Cranleigh; Eton Wick v DCA Basingstoke; Farnham v Chipstead; Feltham v Ash; Hartley Wintney v Netherne; Merstham v Cobham; Reading v Raynes Park Vale; Viking Sports v Godalming and Guildford; Westfield v Sandhurst. League Cup: Third round: Walton Casuals v Bedfont.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures v Eastleigh; Andover v Petersfield; Bournemouth v Brockenhurst; Downton v Totton; East Cowes v Gosport; Portsmouth v BAT; Swanage and Herston v Cowes Sp; Thatcham v Ryde Sp; Whitchurch v Christchurch; Wimborne v Bemerton Heath.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Crowborough v Portfield; Eastbourne Town v Ringmer; Hailsham v Arundel; Horsham YMCA v Shoreham; Mile Oak v Three Bridges; Oakwood v Stamco; Pagham v Langney Sp; Southwick v Whitehawk.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian v Canterbury; Crockenhill v Hythe; Faversham v Sheppey; Folkestone Invicta v Cray; Ramsgate v Beckenham; Slade Green v Deal

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United v Tuffley; Burnham v Shortwood; Cirencester v Kintbury; Didcot v Fairford; Endsleigh v Brackley; Highworth v Almondsbury; Swindon Supermarine v Lambourn Sports.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston v Long Buckby; Desborough v Mirrlees Blackstone; Eynesbury v Bourne; Newport Pagnell v Stotfold; Northampton Spencer v S and L Corby; Potton v Holbeach; Stamford v Cogenhoe; Wellingborough v Spalding; Wootton v St Neots.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Boldmere St M; Chasetown v Hinckley Ath; Kynpersley v Blakenhall; Pershore v Oldbury; Rocester v Sandwell, Rushall v Shepshed; Stratford v Stapenhill; W Mids Police v Shifnal.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Alvechurch Villa v Northfield; Ansells v Highgate; Coventry Sphinx v Wellesbourne; Handrahan Timbers v Chelmsley; Knowle v Coleshill; Meir KA v Kings Heath; Southam v Bloxwich; Upton v Massey Ferguson.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Gornal v Hill Top; Lichfield v Darlaston; Pelsall v Malvern; Stourport v Brierley Hill; Tividale v Wednesfield; Walsall Wood v Cradley; Wolverhampton C v Ludlow.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welf v Ossett Albion; Denaby v Pickering; Glasshoughton Welf v Ashfield; Hucknall v Hatfield Main; Liversedge v Goole; Maltby MW v Arnold; Ossett T v Stocksbridge PS; Thackley v Sheffield.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough v Penrith; Chadderton v Kidsgrove; Eastwood H v Blackpool Rovers; Holker OB v Darwen; Maine Rd v Skelmersdale; Mossley v St Helens; Newcastle T v Bootle; Prescot v Salford; Rossendale v Glossop NE.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester-le-Street v Whitby; Eppleton CW v Crook; Ferryhill v Billingham; Murton v West Auckland; RTM Newcastle v Guisborough; Seaham RS v Shildon; Tow Law v Stockton; Whickham v Consett.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carthusians v Reptonians; Lancing v Etonians; Malvernians v Cholmeleians. First division: Bradfieldians v Ardinians; Haileyburians v Wykehamists; Salopians v Witleians; Wellingburians v Haberdashers.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clapham v Latymer; O Danes v Cardinal Manning; O Meadonians v O Hamptonians; O Tenisonians v Glyn. Senior first division: O Salvatorians v O Wilsonians; O Suttonians v O Kingsburians; Shene v Phoenix.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: O Esthameians v Civil Service; Norsemen v NatWest Bank. West Wickham v East Barnet OG. Second division: Alexandra Park v O Latymerians; Lloyds Bank v O Parmiterians; O Stationers v Lensbury; O Parkonians v Midland Bank; Polytechnic v O Bromleians. Third division: Alleyn OB v Broomfield; Brentham v Ibis; O Salesians v Reigate Priory; Southgate Olympic v Merton.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior one: Nottsborough v Witan; O Owens v Albanian; Parkfield v O Grammarians. Senior two: City of London v O Finchleians; Hadley v Ealing Association; Honourable Artillery Co v Wandsworth Bor; O Baalonians v UCL Academicals; O Woodhouseians v Corinthian-Casuals

SCHOOLS MATCHES (10.30 unless stated): English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Fifth round: Bedford v South East Sussex (1.0); East Berks v Oxford; Haringey v Barnet; Wirral v Nottingham (12.0). FA Premier League under-19 Trophy: Cheshire v Lancashire. FA Premier League under-16 Trophy: Cleveland v Northumberland (11.0); Inner London v Bedfordshire (11.0); Suffolk v Hertfordshire (10.45). Vale Cup: VoWH v Basingstoke. Middlesex Star Shield: Brent v Ealing; Harrow v Hounslow. Kent Cup: Bexley v Maidstone; Medway v Dartford; Orpington v Dover. Hammon Shield: Southampton v Brighton. Johnson Cup: Barking v Harlow. Essex Birmingham Trophy: Newham v South East Essex; Harlow v Havering. London Sun Shield: Islington v Harlow; Redbridge v Havering (10.0). English Eagles Trophy: North Kent v Worthing. Southern Counties Cup: Gravesham v Croydon. Northern Merit: Leeds v Hambleton. Alder Cup: Pendle v Liverpool. Inter-association: Chester v West Lancs; Hackney v St Albans.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 2.30 unless stated

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Orrell v Saracens (2.15)

Second division
London Irish v London Scottish (3.0)
Nottingham v Newcastle Gosforth (3.0)
Wakefield v Blackheath
Waterloo v Bedford (2.15)

Third division
Coventry v Morley (3.0)
Harrogate v Rosslyn Park (2.15)
Otley v Fylde (2.15)
Richmond v Rotherham (3.0)
Rugby v Reading (3.0)

Fourth division
Aspatria v Redruth (2.0)
Exeter v Walsall (3.0)
Havant v Plymouth
Liverpool St Helens v Leeds
London Welsh v Clifton (2.15)

Fifth division north
Birmingham Solihull v Sheffield (2.15)
Kendal v Wharfedale (2.15)
Nuneaton v Lichfield
Stoke v Preston Grasshoppers
Stourbridge v Sandal
Worcester v Broughton Park

Fifth division south
Askeans v Met Police
Barking v Camberley (2.15)
Berry Hill v Tabard
Camborne v Weston-super-Mare
High Wycombe v North Walsham
Lydney v Henley

NORTH: Hull Ionians v Tynedale; Manchester v Bridlington; Stockton v Macclesfield; Wigton v Middlesbrough; West Park Bramhope v Bradford and Bingley; York v Widnes.

MIDLANDS: Barkers Butts v Westleigh; Burton v Leamington; Camp Hill v Hereford; Stafford v Broad Street; Whitchurch v Mansfield; Wolverhampton v Syston.

LONDON: Basingstoke v Sutton and Epsom; Esher v Southend; Guildford and Godalming v Ealing; Harlow v Charlton Park; Old Colfeians v Sudbury; Old Mid-Whitgiftians v Staines.

SOUTH WEST: Bridgwater v Barnstaple; Brixham v Newbury; Cinderford v St Ives; Gloucester OB v Maidenhead; Sherborne v Torquay; Taunton v Salisbury

Heineken League
First division
Ebbw Vale v Abertillery
Neath v Newport P
Pontypridd v Bridgend
Swansea v Newbridge
Treorchy v Cardiff P

Second division
Abercynon v Caerphilly
Bonymaen v Llandovery
Cross Keys v South Wales Police
Llanharan v Tenby Utd
Pontypool v Dunvant
Ystradgynlais v Maesteg

Club matches
Bristol v Gloucester (3.0)
Cheltenham v Matson
Harlequins v Loughborough Univ (3.0)
Leicester v Glasgow District (3.0)
Llanelli v Aberavon
Moseley v West Hartlepool (3.0)
Northampton v Bath (3.0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: 7-Up Trophy Final: London v Worthing (at NEC, Birmingham, 7.15). Budweiser League: Derby v Leicester (8.0).

BOWLS: CIS men's national championships (West of Scotland Indoor Stadium).

BOXING: European super-middleweight championship: Henry Wharton (York, holder) v Vincenzo Nardiello (It) (North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax). British light-middleweight championship (vacant): Ensley Bingham (Manchester) v Gilbert Jackson (Battersea) (Bowler's, Manchester)

CYCLING: Five Cities Super Track League (Manchester, 7.0).

LACROSSE: Shepherds Friendly Society League: Premier division: Sheffield Steelers v Cheadle; Hulmeians v Boardman and Eccles; Old Waconians v Heaton Mersey; Mellor v Stockport; Timperley v Cheadle Hulme.

SQUASH: QM National Championships (Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham).

TABLE TENNIS: Olympic qualifying tournament (Nynex Arena, Manchester).

VOLLEYBALL: English Association Cup: Quarter-finals: Leeds v Mizuno Malory Lewisham; Newcastle Stalts v Sportset Whitefield; Chester v Purbrook; Tooting Aquila v Polonia Ealing. National League: Women: First division: KLEA Leeds v Man Utd Salford

RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy
Final
St Helens v Wigan:
(at Huddersfield, 3.0)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Mayfield v Millom (2.0); Saddleworth v Hemel Hempstead (2.30); Woolston v Dudley Hill (2.30).

HOCKEY

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Great Britain v Malaysia (Bisham, 2.0)

HA INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Preliminary round: Pool A (Perdiswell): Stourport v Cannock, Firebrands v Barford Tigers, Doncaster v Hull; Stourport v Firebrands, Cannock v Doncaster; Barford Tigers v Hull. Doncaster v Stourport. Barford Tigers v Cannock, Hull v Firebrands. Pool B (East Grinstead): WLIHE v East Grinstead, Old Loughtonians v Redbridge and Ilford; St Albans v Leominster; WLIHE v Old Loughtonians; East Grinstead v St Albans, Redbridge and Ilford v Leominster; St Albans v WLIHE; Redbridge and Ilford v East Grinstead, Leominster v Old Loughtonians.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v Lions; Beckenham v Woking, Bournemouth v Wimbledon; Fareham v Newbury; Gore Court v Spencer. Maidenhead v Chichester; Old Kingstonians v Anchorians; Old Walcountians v Lewes, Oxford Hawks v Wokingham, Winchester v High Wycombe. Hampshire/Surrey: Basingstoke v Andover. Blandford v Southampton; Cheam v Epsom, Dulwich v Barnes, London University v Purley. Old Cranleighans v Oxshott; Old Edwardians v Pirelli; Old Whitgiftians v Camberley, Oxted v Walton and Weybridge. Petersfield v Old Mid-Whitgiftians. Kent/Sussex: Belvedere v Tulse Hill; Bexley Invicta v Bexleyheath, Blackheath v Brighton; Crawley v Worthing; Herne Bay v Tunbridge Wells; Horsham v Old Williamsonians; Marden Russets v Sevenoaks; Middleton v Old Becceharmians; Old Bordenians v Mid Sussex; Old Holcombeians v Bognor. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Amersham v Bracknell; Etesea v Eastcote, Headington v Marlow; NPL v Milton Keynes; OMT v Hayes; PHC Chiswick v Mill Hill; Ramgarhia v HCC, Richings Park v Hendon, Staines v City Of Oxford; Sunbury v Harrow.

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLAND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich v John Player; Khalsa v Harborne, Loughborough Students v Hampton-In-Arden; North Notts v Belper; Nottingham v Bridgnorth.

CLUB MATCHES: Brooklands v Warrington; Harleston M v Pelicans (12.45); Ipswich v Blueharts (12.0); Isca v Taunton Vale; Oxford Univ v Durham Univ (King Edward Sch, 11.30); Welwyn GC v Peterborough; West Gloucestershire v Robinsons.

WOMEN'S CLUB MATCHES: Blackburn v Ormskirk; Bexleyheath v Hendon; Bournemouth v Exmouth; Cardiff Ath v Clifton; Chelmsford v Harleston M (1.15). Colwyn Bay v Neston (12). Dulwich v Wimbledon (4.30), Ealing v Leicester; Llanishen v St Fagans, Olton v Redland; Poynton v Pavlours; Reading v Old Loughtonians (12.15); Sheffield v Crimson R, West Witney v Lansdown (10.30); Woking v Worthing (3.0)

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	15	70	fair	crust	closed	fine	3	8/1
(High runs good, lower slushy with many bare patches)								
Mayrhofen	0	35	fair	varied	closed	wind	4	8/1
(Pistes showing signs of wear)								
St Anton	15	150	fair	heavy	worn	cloud	2	8/1
(Conditions deteriorating: lower south slopes patchy)								
Söll	10	50	wet	poor	closed	fair	2	8/1
(Warm weather giving heavy, wet conditions)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	75	220	good	varied	good	snow	1	12/1
(Good skiing with some fresh snow; lowest runs heavy)								
Les Arcs	45	200	fair	heavy	worn	cloud	6	7/1
(Still plenty of good skiing above 2,000 metres)								
Avoriaz	105	130	good	varied	good	cloud	-1	7/1
(Good skiing in and around Avoriaz; poor visibility)								
Chamonix	15	185	good	crust	slush	cloud	1	6/1
(High pistes good; no queues and town empty)								
Megeve	12	85	fair	heavy	slush	fair	7	7/1
(Spring-like weather and skiing conditions)								
Tignes	80	130	good	varied	good	snow	2	12/1
(Excellent skiing on fresh snow; 39 of 51 lifts open)								
Val d'Isère	80	150	good	heavy	fair	wind	3	12/1
(Tricky conditions but still generally good snow)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	35	50	fair	varied	fair	fine	2	8/1
(Very mixed conditions; windblown snow)								
Zermatt	15	110	fair	varied	art	cloud	-2	11/1
(Conditions heavy but some good snow to be found)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
Coventry v Newcastle (4.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Birmingham v Charlton (2.55)
Sunderland v Norwich

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Aberdeen v Celtic

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round: Avondale United v CYM Terenure (2.15); Bray v Fanad (2.15); Derry v St James' Gate (3.15); Shamrock v Shelbourne (2.15); TEK United v Cork (2.15); Temple United v Home Farm (2.15). UCC v Limerick (2.0); UCD v Kilkenny (3.15); Wayside Celtic v Cherry Orchard (2.15).

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National League: Ilkeston v Wolverhampton.

FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Tranmere v Croydon; Leyton Orient v Doncaster Belles, Three Bridges v Arsenal; Liverpool v Wembley.

FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern division: Bronte v Langford; Notts County v Garswood St Helens. Southern division: Berkhamsted v Ipswich; Southampton Saints v Oxford Utd; Town and County v Wimbledon; Brentford v Brighton and Hove.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Bowers v Sawbridgeworth; Burnham Ramblers v Gt Wakering; Hullbridge Sp v Brentwood; Romford v Concord; Southend Mnr v Basildon U; Stansted v Maldon.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham v Tufnell Park; Brook House v Cockfosters; Hanwell v Brimsdown; St Margaretsbury v Beaconsfield Sycob; Waltham Abbey v Croydon; Willesden (Hawkeye) v Barkingside; Woolwich v Tottenham Omada. League Cup: Third round, first leg: Corinthian-Casuals v Hillingdon Boro.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Backwell v Barnstaple; Chippenham v Brislington; Frome v Crediton; Odd Down v Elmore; Tiverton v Bridport; Westbury v Bristol Manor Farm.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton v Felixstowe; Cornard v Hadleigh; Fakenham v Newmarket; Gt Yarmouth v Soham; Halstead v Wisbech; Stowmarket v March; Tiptree v Woodbridge, Watton v Harwich and Parkeston; Wroxham v Sudbury Res.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Brache Sparta v Toddington; London Colney v Shillington; Letchworth v Hatfield; Milton Keynes v Langford; Royston v Harpenden; Dunstable v Arlesey Town, Potters Bar v Hoddesdon.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Stones Championship
Halifax v Warrington
Workington v Oldham

First division
Dewsbury v Whitehaven
Hull v Widnes (3.15)
Keighley v Batley (3.15)
Rochdale v Featherstone
Wakefield v Salford (3.30)

Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Third round
Barrow v Doncaster (2.30)
Bramley v Heworth
Carlisle v West Bowling (2.0)
Chorley v Thatto Heath
Highfield v West Hull
Hull KR v Eastmoor (2.30)
Hunslet v Skirlaugh (3.30)
Leigh v Egremont
Swinton v Thornhill
York v Lock Lane (3.15)

HOCKEY

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Great Britain v Malaysia (Bisham, 2.0).

HA INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Preliminary round: Pool A (Perdiswell): Stourport v Barford; Hull v Cannock; Firebrands v Doncaster; Hull v Stourport; Doncaster v Barford; Firebrands v Cannock. Pool B (East Grinstead): WLIHE v Redbridge and Ilford; Leominster v East Grinstead; Old Loughtonians v St Albans; Leominster v WLIHE; St Albans v Redbridge and Ilford; Old Loughtonians v East Grinstead.

WOMEN'S CLUB MATCHES: Bedans v Royal High Gymnasts; Crimson R v Sherwood, Leominster v Penarth (12.0); Peterborough v Sheffield (1.0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Doncaster v Manchester (5.30); Newcastle v Hemel (6.0); Sheffield v Birmingham (6.15)

CYCLING: National cyclo-cross championships (Sutton Coldfield, 10.30).

TABLE TENNIS: Olympic qualifying tournament (Nynex Arena, Manchester).

SQUASH: QM National Championships (Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham)

EXCELLENT SKIING CONDITIONS IN NORWAY

Plenty of snow has now arrived in
Geilo
Hemsedal
Lillehammer &
Gudbrandsdalen

☎ 0171 321 0666
NORWEGIAN TOURIST BOARD
SKI HOTLINE

THE TIMES
SNOWLINE
0891 333 568
24hr skiing information direct from resorts in:
AUSTRIA • FRANCE • SWITZERLAND
REST OF EUROPE • N. AMERICA/CANADA
ITALY • SPAIN/ANDORRA
ROMANIA/BULGARIA
or for a faxed report:
0891 662 258
Dial the above number from a telephone linked to a fax machine
WEATHERLINE
0891 333 462
Comprehensive outlook in the skiing areas for the week ahead
The Ski Club of Great Britain
[illegible]
SKI CLUB

هكذا من الأصل

Clubs threaten to put brakes on forward march

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

WHATEVER the agenda for the special general meeting of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) tomorrow, there is a grave danger that voting will take place for negative reasons. Ostensibly, England's clubs assemble in Birmingham to receive details of the RFU commission's investigation into open rugby: in practice, the debate now centres around the candidates for chairman of the union's executive committee.

As such, John Jeavons-Fellows, the official nominee, has come to represent the elite, high-profile end of the game: Cliff Brittle, who has been accused, erroneously, of entering the contest by the back door, is seen as the nominee of the counties, who are mobilising large numbers of proxy votes on his behalf.

It is far too easy to label the meeting as the progressives against the reactionaries, to pigeonhole the two contenders as present v past. What the meeting does represent is a groundswell of opinion that opposes the precipitate professionalisation of the game and the concentration of resources upon the leading players and first division clubs.

Too many clubs have found that the bluff Jeavons-Fellows, 56, tells them too many home truths in too high-handed a fashion; have been angered at the apparent lack of interest in the 95 per cent who play and administer the game in England. They do not want the game that they have cherished to slip into professional pastures.

All these are negatives that do not reflect the qualities that will be needed to chair the RFU's executive — or board of management as it will come to be known. Those who have sat alongside Jeavons-Fellows in international debates testify to the power with which he fights England's corner, even if his lack of diplomacy is sometimes a stumbling block.

Curiously, he and Brittle come from similar backgrounds. Both are successful businessmen who have sold out and have the time to concentrate upon rugby administration. Jeavons-Fellows knows well the junior-club background from his days with Stourbridge and North Midlands, even while he has been flying high on the RFU executive and International Rugby Football Board (IRFB).

Brittle, 54, played for Stoke and Sale and emerged from Staffordshire to chair the RFU coaching working party and sit on the Bishop Commission, which restructured the union last year. He may well have the qualities to be a successful chairman, and has been sponsored by Ian Beer and Sir Peter Yarranton, both former RFU presidents, but too many insiders simply do not know.

The first division clubs have no great preference, though one of their number described the contest as one between "the devil we know and the devil we don't". Whatever the outcome, the prospects of these clubs seeking a premiership-style organisation of their own remains strong.

The RFU is right to be worried that its nominee could fail. It has not handled the preliminaries to the meeting well. It hoped initially for an unopposed election when it might have anticipated a counterclaim from the counties; it suggested to Brittle that he might stand down which, tactically, was unwise. The extent of its anxiety is reflected in an appeal to Dudley Wood, the recently-retired secretary, to give his imprimatur to Jeavons-Fellows on the basis that Wood would be listened to by the game's rank and file.

If Brittle wins, he seeks consultation with every sector of rugby in England, which only extends the time available for the game elsewhere to go haring off beyond reach. The game in the northern hemisphere desperately needs a strong England, on and off the field, capable of controlling the future rather than marching to the beat of the southern-hemisphere drum.

What it does not need is the pretence that the game has not changed. "If people wish to remain amateur, that is entirely up to them," Bill Bishop, the RFU president, said, "but the fact is that the IRFB abolished the amateur regulations. If the Rugby Union do not accept that simple truth, we will be in a terrible legal mess."

☐ Edward Jones, secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), yesterday tendered his resignation. Jones, who was given the five-year appointment in October 1993, will step down on June 30. He said that the recent changes in the game had swayed his decision.

Prospects bleak for depleted Orrell

By David Hands

WHILE the England squad prepares at Bisham Abbey for the five nations' meeting with France next weekend, the rump of the first division in the Courage Clubs Championship — in this instance, Orrell and Saracens — play the match postponed by bad weather on December 30.

The bulk of the second division do the same, which brings the two exile clubs together at Sunbury, where victory would give London Irish second place — on points difference — ahead of London Scottish. Moreover, they have Conor O'Shea, the international full back, available to assist their cause.

Though long-term prospects are good for Orrell if their proposed ground-sharing scheme with Wigan comes to fruition, their present fortunes are distinctly mixed. Mauled by Sale last week, they are now without Paul Johnson, their captain, who has a broken thumb and has been replaced by Lua Tuigamala in the centre.

Since James Naylor, the wing, and Phil Winstanley and Jason Cundick, the props, are also injured, they will do well to stave off a league double. Saracens won the game in September, if only by the odd penalty kick, and feature in their back row Alun Phillips, whose playing career took him to Canada before his return this season.

It remains to be seen whether Wigan will appear at the Middlesex sevens at Twickenham at the end of this season but the Rugby Football League accepted an invitation yesterday to enter the tournament.

The league has also accepted that it is a charity event and is expected to announce on Monday the club who will represent it: the sevens organisers hope that it will be Wigan so that Martin Offiah — once of Rosslyn Park — may grace the event once more.

A Heineken League programme, restricted by the international match between Wales and Italy next Tuesday, gives Pontypridd the chance of top place if they take maximum points from Bridgend.

The prototype of a European tournament for universities takes place in Paris today when Cambridge play PUC, the host club, at Charlety Stadium and Trinity College, Dublin play Rome. It is likely that next season two pools of four teams each, will contest a sponsored, televised tournament.

BARRY GREENWOOD

Haughton, only 20, could claim his third winner's medal with Wigan in the Regal Trophy final today

Versatility is Haughton's virtue

Christopher Irvine charts the meteoric rise of one of Wigan's brightest young stars

Size 13 feet were not the only outstanding feature of Simon Haughton at the age of 14. That same year he scored 130 tries in the Bingley amateur rugby league under-14 side, an entry for the most tries in a season that still sits proudly amid the longest, tallest and shortest in the *Guinness Book of Records*.

Moreover, the prodigious young record-breaker touched down all 130 as a prop forward, the shire horse to the show ponies normally. Haughton is now 20 and in the past year his meteoric rise at Wigan has seen him take the international stage and the seventh successive Stones Championship title to land at Central Park has already guaranteed him a second winner's medal. Today's encounter with St Helens in the Regal Trophy final brings the prospect of a third.

His latest role finds him at loose forward, but Haughton has always been something of a chameleon in terms of position. In his youth, whether at No 8 or in the threequarters at union or league (his natural preference), the cocksure teenager was pretty much untouchable with the ball in his sizeable hands. "I put some of it down to ability but a lot to my size. As a kid, I was nearly a six-footer," he said. "It was a case of swatting the other kids out of the way. I usually scored seven or eight times a match at Bingley. Once, I remember, it was nine."

It was while playing centre for Yorkshire Schools at rugby union that he first came under the ubiquitous eye of Eric Hawley, Wigan's scout and unearther of talent in Yorkshire from Ellery Hanley to Jason Robinson. His knock on the Haughton household door was one of several.

Haughton chose to play three times on the wing for England Schools at rugby union in 1992, rather than represent England Schools at rugby league. Having decided on a league career, he knew it was his last chance for representative honours at union. Leeds and Bradford were never in the running. "I'd been a fan of Leeds all my life, but when the top club comes along, money and such things don't enter the equation," he said. "If Wigan wanted me, I knew I'd be joining the best. I'd play anywhere, but they had earmarked me for the second row."

From signing on his seventeenth birthday, Haughton, 6ft 2in and who mushroomed from 14 to 16 stones under Wigan's weights regimen, got to play in the Academy side. It was not long before Graeme West, then reserve-team coach, gave him his chance, and then came a try-scoring debut, a year after his arrival at Central Park, in a defeat of Whitehaven in the Regal Trophy. "I'd been on ten minutes when a chance presented itself and I took it," Haughton said.

He was called into the England squad for last season's European championship after only three full first-team appearances in which Wigan had apparently discovered the natural forward successor to the Auckland-bound Denis Betts. When Haughton came on to partner Betts, in his farewell to Wigan, the youngster announced his takeover with a thunderous charge and score in the Premiership final defeat of Leeds last May. Last October, Phil Larder, the England coach, summoned Haughton and two contemporaries from the Great Britain Academy side, Kris Radlinski and Paul Cook, into the World Cup party. "One of the reasons is that at Wigan, if you are good enough, age doesn't come into it," Haughton said.

A new back row of Haughton, Scott Quinnell and Mick Cassidy off the Wigan production line has been unstoppable. The trio's momentum swept aside Leeds in the Regal Trophy semi-final. A similar fate possibly awaits St Helens in the final.

Wigan call up Cowie

ST HELENS are likely to confirm their strongest side shortly before the kick-off of the Regal Trophy final against Wigan at the McAlpine Stadium, Huddersfield, today (Christopher Irvine writes). Paul Newlove, the recent world-record signing, Anthony Sullivan, the club's leading try scorer with 24, and Chris Joynt, the outstanding forward of the season, are available after injury.

Joynt, the Great Britain second-row forward, is the only St Helens player to have experienced victory over Wigan, who are undefeated against their Lancashire rivals in ten meetings since the 1993 Premiership final. St Helens are cast as the underdogs again.

Wigan, seven times winners of the competition, have Neil Cowie back after suspension in place of the injured Kelvin Skerrett.

ST HELENS (probable): S Prescott; J Hayes, S Gibbs, P Newlove, A Sullivan; K Hammond, R Goulding; A Fogerty, R Cunningham, A Perelini, V Matautia, C Joynt, D Busby.

WIGAN: G Connolly; J Robinson, V Tuigamala, K Radlinski, M Offiah; H Paul, S Edwards; N Cowie, M Hall, T O'Connor, S Quinnell, M Cassidy, S Haughton.

Referee: R Smith (Castleford)

England masters reduced to role of pupils

From Mel Webb in Sharjah

THERE were two teams on the field, but only one in the match. West Indies comprehensively demolished their hapless English opponents in the final of the World Masters Cricket series here yesterday. The margin of victory was eight wickets with 17 balls of the 40 overs left, but if West Indies had extended themselves they could have completed the job a good deal earlier.

England batted fecklessly and sometimes recklessly and their bowling lacked any sort of sting. In short, they took a tanning.

Batting first, England got off to a poor start and never recovered against a West Indies attack that hardly missed Malcolm Marshall, who had had to return to South Africa, where he plays for Natal.

England lost Gooch early on, and his dismissal was the start of a procession. Their one hope was Barnett, but he was needlessly run out, while Vivian Richards held two magnificent catches to dispose of Terry and Gould.

The way Haynes and Gordon Greenidge batted, it would not have mattered a great deal had West Indies needed another 50. Both men sparkled in a 137-run opening stand that took their side to the brink of victory. West Indies' prize was $50,000: their cricket was beyond price.

Pakistan yesterday recalled Javed Miandad after more than two years' absence. He is in their 14-man squad for the World Cup, which will be captained by Wasim Akram. Miandad has played in 228 one-day internationals since his debut 20 years ago. Squad, page 47

ENGLAND

G A Gooch b Clarke	3
K J Barnett run out	32
D W Randall c Haynes b A E Greenidge	9
M W Gatting c Logie b King	17
V P Terry c Richards b Moseley	25
I J Gould c Richards b King	24
J E Emburey retired hurt	[illegible]
[illegible] Radford c Dujon b Richards	13
[illegible] not out	16
A C S Pigott not out	[illegible]
Extras ([illegible])	12
Total ([illegible] wkts, 40 overs)	[illegible]

J H Childs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-33, 3-64, 4-73, 5-105, 6-130, 7-147.

BOWLING: Garner 4-0-10-0, Clarke 8-0-26-1, Moseley 8-0-27-1, A E Greenidge 8-0-34-1, King 8-0-44-2, Richards 4-0-13-1.

WEST INDIES

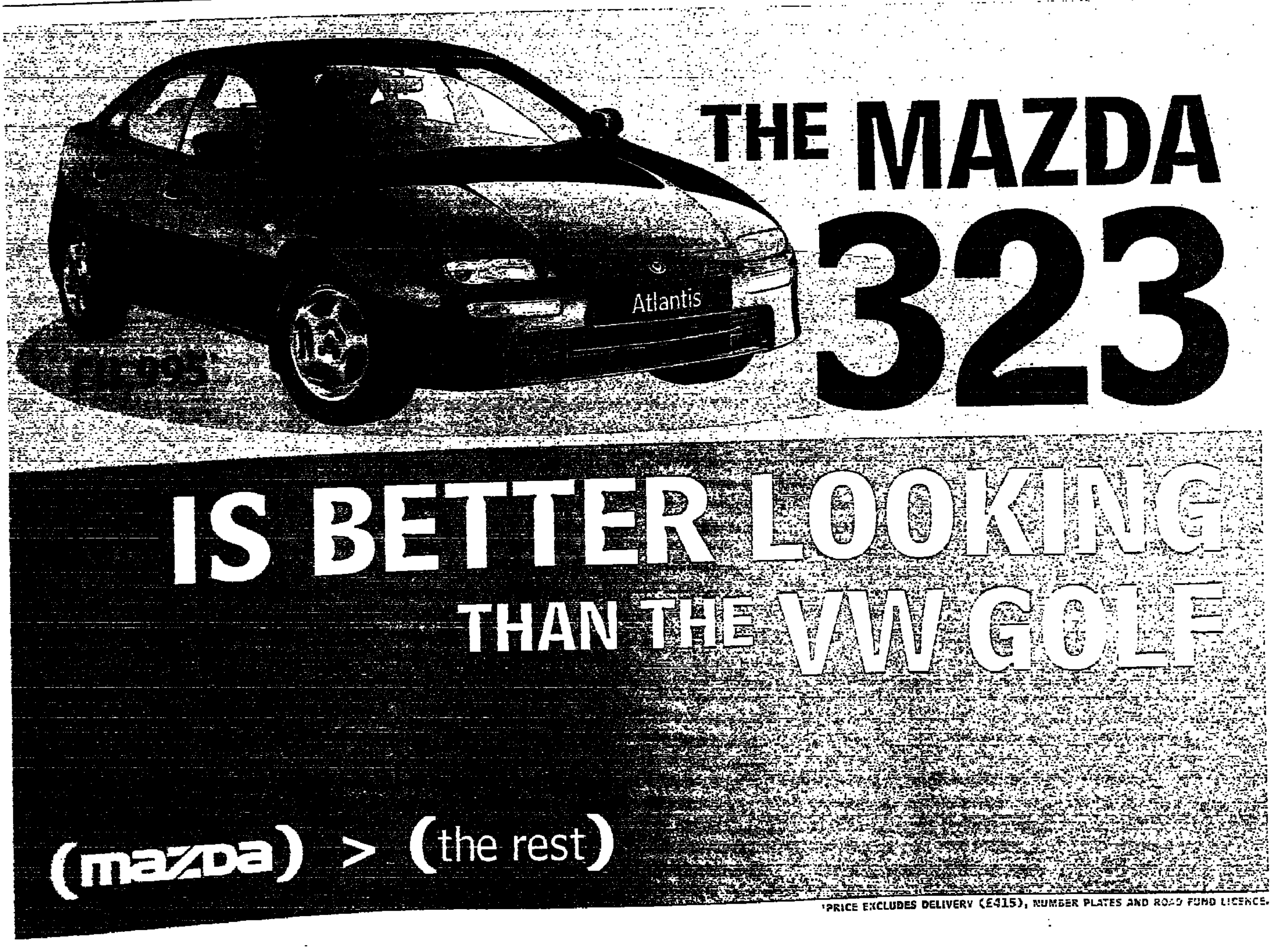
C G Greenidge lbw b Gatting	63
D L Haynes c Gatting b Childs	[illegible]
[illegible] Best not out	10
I V A Richards not out	15
Extras ([illegible])	9
Total (2 wkts, 37.1 overs)	164

A L Logie, †P J L Dujon, C L King, J Garner, A E Greenidge, S T Clarke and E A Moseley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-137, 2-137.

BOWLING: Radford 6-0-25-0, [illegible] 7-0-36-0, Emburey 6-1-23-0, Pigott 4-0-21-0, Childs 7.1-0-34-1, Gatting 7-0-25-1.

Umpires: J Holder (England) and I Robinson (Zimbabwe)



THE MAZDA 323

IS BETTER LOOKING THAN THE VW GOLF

(mazda) > (the rest)

*PRICE EXCLUDES DELIVERY (£415), NUMBER PLATES AND ROAD FUND LICENCE.

Consistent chaser to gain deserved success in competitive renewal

Egypt Mill Prince ready for accession

By Julian Muscat

VICTOR CHANDLER, the prominent rails bookmaker, could not have contrived a more finely balanced contest than the two-mile chase he sponsors at Ascot today. There is enough flavour among the field of 11 to seduce the most hesitant punter.

Chandler will recognise the contest as one in which bets should be laid rather than struck. A quartet of emerging horses — Front Street, Martin's Lamp, Gales Cavalier and Big Matt — confront the proven two-mile specialists Storm Alert, Egypt Mill Prince and Kibreet. The pace will be furious, the margin for error minimal. Given these circumstances, it may be wise to settle on the experience of Egypt Mill Prince.

Victory for the ten-year-old would be well deserved. Jenny Pitman's charge has filled the runner-up berth in the last two renewals of this race. His Cheltenham defeat by Dublin Flyer in November was another near-miss in exalted company. Somewhat harshly, critics point to the horse's frustrating habit of flattering to deceive. More often than not, however, he has been ambushed by improving horses carrying lesser weights.

Big Matt has finished behind Egypt Mill Prince on both their encounters this term and he tries again with a reasonable weight concession. Once again, however, Big Matt races from out of the handicap and his tendency to make one serious mistake will count against him.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Certainly Strong puts in a fluent leap on her way to winning the PML Lightning Novices' Chase at Ascot

Gales Cavalier and Kibreet appear closely matched, although both horses love to attack from the front. With the free-running Martin's Lamp also keen to dictate matters, the likes of Nakir, Storm Alert and Uncle Ernie may struggle to remain in touch. Former useful hurdler High Baron and Dancing Paddy, the latter something of an enigma, will have their suspect jumping tested to the full and a bigger danger looms in the shape of Front Street.

Front Street has had plenty in reserve in each of his three victories this term, showing a useful change of pace. He fits the profile of several previous winners in that he remains unexposed. What he must now prove is his ability to cut it with the best. On only his fifth outing over fences, he represents no value for what is by some way his stiffest test.

Egypt Mill Prince, for his part, has long been accustomed to this level of competition. His fencing is sound and he is never more comfortable than when stalking a strong pace. The Pitman stable is in good form and Egypt Mill Prince can finally atone for several narrow reversals.

David Nicholson received a boost to the chances of Martin's Lamp and Storm Alert when saddling Percy Smollett and Certainly Strong to a 22-1 double over fences at Ascot yesterday. Certainly Strong's comfortable victory in the PML Lightning Novices' Chase represented a victory for patience. The mare was named for her wayward tendencies as a youngster and it has taken two years of cajoling to see her settle down.

Certainly Strong runs her rivals ragged from the front, somehow fiddling the fences she meets on the wrong stride. She has a similar appetite for the game to Anaglog's Daughter, so it is appropriate that she bids to emulate the Irish runaway's victory in the 1980 Arkle Trophy Chase at Cheltenham.

After unsaddling Certainly Strong, Nicholson resisted the temptation to talk up Viking Flagship in the wake of that horse's poor showing at Wincanton on Thursday. "Like last year, I'll let the horse do the talking for himself," Nicholson said of the reigning champion two-mile chaser.

It would not pass the censor's pen to reveal in precise words how my colleague, Richard Evans, described the winning prospects of his Northern Saddler in the Bucktail Handicap Chase. Suffice to say that the horse ran unbacked — and promptly obliged under 12 stone for Richard Dunwoody. But punters will have forgiven Evans his rare lapse. His nap, Treasure Again, landed the concluding Rosling King Handicap Hurdle at odds of 14-1.

Seven Of Diamonds can prove ace for Alner

ASCOT
BBC1

1.00: A fascinating contest which pits several of last season's leading bumper horses against some potentially useful recruits from the Flat. Ebullient Equiname made hard work of winning a modest Hereford maiden hurdle on her hurdling bow, but is sure to appreciate today's extra three furlongs.

Wisley Wonder has won his last three starts but may be found wanting for speed here. Most likely to take advantage are Meant To Be and Seasonal Splendour. Both showed smart staying form on the level, but preference is for Martin Pipe's **Seasonal Splendour**. She was impressive when accounting for Crane Hill at Newton Abbot and is sure to improve for today's longer trip.

1.35: **Seven Of Diamonds** was outpaced by the useful Front Street and Gales Cavalier over a shorter trip at Newbury, and can return to winning ways back over his optimum distance. Spuffington put up some creditable performances last term, notably when winning two novice chases in heavy ground at Chepstow, and would be the chief threat if fully wound up for his reappearance. Easy Buck was handed last week's Newton Chase at Haydock by the last fence fall of Morceli, but should again go close.

2.10: See above.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

WARWICK
CHANNEL 4

2.00: The front-running Whippers Delight is on an attractive mark, but is likely to find this trip stretching his stamina, a comment which also applies to James The First. In a competitive contest, the best bet may be **Philip's Woody**, who can gain a deserved success after finishing runner-up to progressive rivals on his last two starts.

2.35: Simple Arithmetic fell at the fifth when strongly fancied at Sandown last week, but has yet to prove that he stays this trip. **Jibber The Kibber** was another to make an early departure last time, when a warm favourite over course and distance. However, this smart hurdler will take all the beating if putting in a clear round.

3.05: **Maamur** has been raised just 8lb for his impressive success at Towcester last month and, likely to improve further, can follow up. Moorcroft Boy has his first outing since taking a dreadful tumble at Aintree 14 months ago. He is well treated on his best form, but is likely to need the run. The Malakarma will appreciate every yard of this stamina test and looks best of the remainder.

3.40: Hops And Pops was favoured by the conditions when comfortably beating Great Marquess on her Newbury reappearance, but has more to do here back in handicap company. Bell Staffboy failed to stay three miles at Cheltenham last time, weakening after a bad mistake three out. He remains fairly handicapped, but would not appreciate any further rain.

The improving **Pharanear** makes much more appeal. He made a winning handicap debut at Bangor and should continue his winning run.

ROBERT WRIGHT

ASCOT

THUNDERER

1.00 Seasonal Splendour
1.35 Seven Of Diamonds
2.10 Egypt Mill Prince
2.45 Supreme Genotin
3.15 Hill Of Tullow
3.45 Morstock

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 CHERYL'S LAD.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 . . . B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.00 VICTOR CHANDLER NOVICES HURDLE

BBC1

(£8,571: 2m 4f) (20 runners)

101	53-2111	LE KHOUMF 49 (F,G) (D Lewis) J Bradley 5-11-8	G McCourt	88
102	2633-21	MALWOOD CASTLE 52 (D,G) (Mrs U Wainwright) R Alner 6-11-8	B Fenton	84
103	420-21	TENNESSEE TWIST 50 (G) (Halewood International) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-8	W Marston	83
104	00-4111	WISLEY WONDER 53 (F,G,S) (Wisley Partnership) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-8	C Llewellyn	92
105	30-212	BUTTERCUP JOE 30 (S) (R Faiers) D Nicholson 6-11-4	A Maguire	98
106	1313-1	EBULLIENT EQUINAME 29 (G,S) (R Wilson) N Henderson 5-11-4	M A Fitzgerald	81
107	52-142	KEEP IT ZIPPED 37 (F) (Mrs L Stewart-Brown) O Sherwood 6-11-4	J Osborne	90
108	111222	SHERIFF 56 (D,BF,F,G) (C Brown) J Hills 5-11-4	D Gallagher	95
109	3040-0	AKULITE 52 (S Clough) J King 6-11-0	G Upton	–
110	0050	ALLOW 33 (Mrs M Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 5-11-0	D Matthews	68
111	0-P0	BISHOPS TALE 30 (Highflyers) G Balding 6-11-0	A Tory	85
112	P26/00-	DELTA FOXTROT 287 (M Banks) M Banks 7-11-0	D Skyrme	–
113	U-334	DJAIS 28 (T Long) J Jenkins 7-11-0	M Perrett	90
114	8	GOOD CALL 52 (R Eliot) J Gifford 7-11-0	P Hide	–
115	0-55465	OLD ARCHIVES 70 (F) (J Muldoon) D Elsworth 7-11-0	P Holley	–
116		SEA FREEDOM 79F (Miss B Swire) G Balding 5-11-0	A P McCoy	–
117	0/0	STARLIGHT FOOL 60 (S Bowe) K Bailey 7-11-0	J Magee	–
118	33-1	SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 33 (S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 6-10-13	D Bridgwater	97
119	0-4	CIPRIANI QUEEN 47 (Tor Royal Racing Club) J Gifford 6-10-9	Mr P O'Keeffe	75
120	2	MEANT TO BE 28 (Lady Mary Mumford) Lady Herries 6-10-9	E Murphy	[illegible]

BETTING: 9-2 Ebullient Equiname, 5-1 Seasonal Splendour, 11-2 Buttercup Joe, 6-1 Tennessee Twist, 8-1 Malwood Castle, Sea Freedom, 10-1 others.

1995: LYPHANTASTIC 6-11-4 J Railton (9-1) C Mann 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

LE KHOUMF completed treble beat Rival Bid 7l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, good). TENNESSEE TWIST beat Yahmi neck in 12-runner novice hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, good) with STARLIGHT FOOL (6lb better off) 105l 11th. WISLEY WONDER completed treble beat Brogeen Lady 4l in 5-runner novice hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 2f, good). BUTTERCUP JOE ½l 2nd of 16 to Mandys Mantino in novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, soft) with BISHOPS TALE (3lb worse off) 11½l 8th. KEEP IT ZIPPED 5l 2nd of 12 to Castle Sweep in novice hurdle at Nottingham (3m, good to soft). DJAIS about 14l 4th of 10 to Call Equiname in grade II Mitie Kennel Gate Novice Hurdle here (2m 110yd, good). SEASONAL SPLENDOUR beat Crane Hill 6l in maiden hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft) with ALLOW (4lb better off) 26l 10th. MEANT TO BE 1½l 2nd of 15 to Backgammon in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm).
Selection: WISLEY WONDER

1.35 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS HANDICAP CHASE

BBC1

(£8,325: 2m 3f 110yd) (8 runners)

201	45F0-14	WONDER MAN 57 (F,G,S) (E S & W V Robins) N Henderson 11-12-0	M A Fitzgerald	94
202	21F5-11	EASY BUCK 7 (CD,F,G,S) (J M & J W Cook) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-4	C Maude	[illegible]
203	41/P60P-	RICHVILLE 259 (D,F,G,S) (Major-Gen R L T Burges) K Bailey 10-10-13	C Llewellyn	–
204	1/131P/	UNCLE ELI 637 (G,S) (J Burley) R Alner 13-10-6	A P McCoy	–
205	2215-24	THE FROG PRINCE 7 (BF,F,S) (R Cooper) N Gaselee 8-10-5	J Osborne	97
206	112-333	SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 49 (CD,F,G,S) (T Keeping) R Alner 11-10-5	A Maguire	95
207	132112-	SPUFFINGTON 287 (D,G,S) (J Clopet) J Gifford 8-10-2	P Hide	94
208	F86-523	REPEAT THE DOSE 8 (CD,F,G,S) (A A Wates) T Casey 11-10-0	D Bridgwater	94

Long handicap: Repeat The Dose 9-12.

BETTING: 3-1 The Frog Prince, 7-2 Easy Buck, Seven Of Diamonds, 5-1 Spuffington, 6-1 Repeat The Dose, 7-1 Wonder Man, 16-1 others.

1995: CRYSTAL SPIRIT 8-11-10 J Osborne (4-1) I Balding 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

WONDER MAN beat Nakir 8l in 2-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. EASY BUCK completed double beat Ellast dist in 5-runner handicap chase at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). UNCLE ELI beat Ryde Again 2l in 6-runner chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to soft) on penultimate start, Mar 1994.
THE FROG PRINCE about 26½l 4th of 10 to Smith's Band in handicap chase at Haydock (3m, soft). SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 3½l 3rd of 10 to Coonawara in limited handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. SPUFFINGTON beat Old Bridge 6l in 3-runner novice chase at Chepstow (2m 3f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. REPEAT THE DOSE about 2½l 3rd of 12 to Sartorius in handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, soft).
Selection: EASY BUCK

2.10 VICTOR CHANDLER HANDICAP CHASE

BBC1

(Grade II: £25,975: 2m) (11 runners)

301	135F-25	NAKIR 42 (CD,G,S) (J Lowe) S Christian 8-12-0	D Gallagher	91
302	300-322	STORM ALERT 7 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Parrett) D Nicholson 10-11-7	C Maude	97
303	41U40-P	UNCLE ERNIE 28 (CD,G,S) (Lady Lloyd Webber) J FitzGerald 11-11-5	D Byrne	90
304	00-3122	EGYPT MILL PRINCE 43 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (S Webb) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-2	W Marston	97
305	F3421-2	DANCING PADDY 56 (CD,F,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 8-11-2	C Llewellyn	94
306	/1223-2	MARTIN'S LAMP 28 (D,G,S) (& Mrs F C Welch) D Nicholson 9-11-1	A Maguire	94
307	112P-22	GALES CAVALIER 49 (CD,G,S) (Starlight Racing) D Gandolfo 8-10-12	D Bridgwater	96
308	1112-U3	HIGH BARON 7 (D,F,G,S) (Miss C James) R Hodges 9-10-7	A Tory	95
309	1332-11	KIBREET 57 (CD,F,G,S) (T Warner) P Hobbs 9-10-5	A P McCoy	93
310	65/1-111	FRONT STREET 28 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Bishop) S Sherwood 9-10-4	J Osborne	92
311	1531-23	BIG MATT 63 (CD,F,G,S) (T Benfield and W Brown) N Henderson 8-10-4	M A Fitzgerald	[illegible]

Long handicap: Front Street 10-2, Big Matt 10-1.

BETTING: 3-1 Martin's Lamp, 7-2 Front Street, 6-1 Kibreet, 7-1 Gales Cavalier, 8-1 Storm Alert, Egypt Mill Prince, Big Matt, 12-1 others.

1995: MARTHA'S SON 8-10-9 R Farrant (3-1) T Forster 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

NAKIR 8l 2nd of 2 to Wonder Man in handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. STORM ALERT ¾l 2nd of 5 to Easthope in handicap chase at Sandown (2m, good to soft) with HIGH BARON 2l 3rd. EGYPT MILL PRINCE 11l 2nd of 4 to Lonesome Glory in handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good). DANCING PADDY dist 2nd of 5 to Sound Man in grade II First National Limited Handicap Chase here (2m 3f 110yd, good). KIBREET completed double beat GALES CAVALIER (5lb better off) 5l in 4-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good). FRONT STREET beat MARTIN'S LAMP (8lb better off) 4l in 8-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good) with UNCLE ERNIE (10lb better off) pulled up after 2nd and HIGH BARON (10lb better off) unseated rider 4 out.
Selection: EGYPT MILL PRINCE

2.45 DURHAM RANGER NOVICES HURDLE (£3,989: 2m 110yd) (18 runners)

401	3-1	MACK THE KNIFE 35 (D,G) (D & G Mercer) M Pipe 7-11-9	D Bridgwater	89
402	1430	PERSIAN SAINT 63 (G) (Whitcombe Manor Stables) D Elsworth 5-11-9	P Holley	90
403	125-0F	ASHWELL BOY 7 (BF,G) (A S Racing) P Hobbs 5-11-6	G McCourt	–
404	0P/550-	CIRCUS COLOURS 248 (S Powell) J Jenkins 6-11-6	M Perrett	72
405		CORSEWALL POINT (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 5-11-6	S McNeill	–
406	002-U	DECIDE YOURSELF 70 (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 6-11-6	G McCourt	–
407		HEADWIND (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 5-11-6	P Hide	–
408	2	LORD ROOBLE 42 (The Findon Partnership) J Gifford 5-11-6	Mr P O'Keeffe	[illegible]
409	30	PA D'OR 30 (The Peoples Express Partnership) J Gifford 6-11-6	W Marston	–
410	0/00-U	RELATIVE CHANCE 8 (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) J King 7-11-6	G Upton	–
411		ROLFE (S Clarke) D Nicholson 6-11-6	A Maguire	–
412		SHADIRWAN 91F (C Bait) R Akehurst 5-11-6	S Ryan (7)	–
413		SIR OLIVER 30F (Ms S Joyner) B Pearce 7-11-6	R Rowell	–
414	1-F	SUPREME GENOTIN 4 (BF,S) (W Sturt) J Old 7-11-6	J Osborne	–
415	6	WAYFARERS WAY 51 (Lady Tennant) N Henderson 5-11-6	M A Fitzgerald	73
416	56	ASHBY HILL 10 (Mrs M Humphrey) R Rowe 5-11-1	E Murphy	79
417	0	FANTASTIC FLEET 7 (Miss J Doyle) Miss J Doyle 4-10-8	S Curran (3)	67
418		VICTORY TEAM 108F (R Lavelle) G Balding 4-10-8	A P McCoy	–

BETTING: 9-2 Mack The Knife, 7-1 Headwind, Supreme Genotin, 8-1 Persian Saint, Rolfe, Lord Rooble, Shadirwan, 12-1 others.

1995: CHIEF'S SONG 5-11-12 J Osborne (100-30) S Dow 10 ran

3.15 PETER ROSS NOVICES CHASE (£14,175: 3m 110yd) (9 runners)

501	1F11-11	HILL OF TULLOW 42 (D,F,G,S) (Lady Harris) D Nicholson 7-12-0	A Maguire	[illegible]
502	2-00051	SO FAR BOLD 84 (B,D,S) (J Peyston) F Doumen 8-12-0	J Osborne	–
503	U2P112	COURT MELODY 6 (B,BF,G,S) (M Coburn) P Nicholls 8-11-11	A P McCoy	84
504	125/1P2	DARK HONEY 7 (G,S) (R Sayer) S Dow 11-11-11	D Gallagher	97
505	1111	HARWELL LAD 43 (F,G,S) (H Wellstead) R Alner 7-11-11	Mr R Nuttall	89
506	2/324-32	CAPENWRAY 7 (G) (B Peppiatt) J King 7-11-7	G Upton	80
507	P-124F4	GO BALLISTIC 28 (G,S) (Mrs B Lockhart) J O'Shea 7-11-7	M A Fitzgerald	94
508	PP203-4	SENDAI 23 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Tidsell) J Gifford 10-11-2	P Hide	–
509	1U	PARIS FASHION 7 (F,G,S) (P Kelsall) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-11	C Llewellyn	83

BETTING: 5-2 So Far Bold, 3-1 Hill Of Tullow, 7-2 Harwell Lad, 5-1 Dark Honey, 8-1 Court Melody, 10-1 Paris Fashion, 12-1 others.

1995: BRAVE HIGHLANDER 7-11-7 J Osborne (7-1) J Gifford 6 ran

3.45 TEAL AND GREEN HANDICAP HURDLE

(£7,328: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

601	512021-	TAOS 256 (C,D,F,S) (B Kelly) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-10	D Bridgwater	84
602	/530-12	SOHRAB 12 (D,S) (Mrs J Richards) M Pipe 8-11-6	C Maude	92
603	104-400	BALANAK 12 (V,D,S) (W Dore) D Gandolfo 5-11-6	A Maguire	84
604	31FP11	CHERYL'S LAD 36 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Baines) N Henderson 6-11-3	M A Fitzgerald	[illegible]
605	243-150	ROMANCER 42 (D,F,G) (M Archer) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-3	C Llewellyn	86
606	6120-50	AMANCIO 57 (D,S) (P Locke) G Harwood 5-10-11	M Perrett	88
607	14P3-06	KINGSFOLD PET 42 (D,G,S) (G Nye) M Haynes 7-10-11	D Skyrme	85
608	521210	CELIBATE 12 (D,F,G,S) (Stanford Bridge Partnership) C Mann 5-10-11	Muredach Kelly (7)	87
609	255-008	STATAJACK 31 (B,D,G) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 8-10-2	P Holley	88
610	0-35024	KEEP ME IN MIND 12 (D,F,S) (P Tory) N Mitchell 7-10-2	G Upton	92
611	21U2-3U	NAMASTE 10 (D,G,S) (J Galvanoni) B Hood 8-10-2	J Osborne	90
612	446-223	MORSTOCK 7 (D,BF,G) (Mrs M Fairbairn) R Hodges 6-10-0	T Dascombe (5)	92
613	222-331	NORDANSK 23 (D,BF,F,S) (D Knight) M Madgwick 7-10-0	B Fenton (5)	88
614	106-R	FOODBROKER STAR 62 (D,S) (Food Brokers Ltd) J Gifford 6-10-0	P Hide	80
615	33111/0-	RES IPSA LOQUITUR 471 (D,F,S) (R Gray) B Pearce 9-10-0	D Gallagher	–

Long handicap: Nordansk 9-11, Foodbroker Star 9-11, Res Ipsa Loquitur 9-6

BETTING: 5-1 Cheryl's Lad, 8-1 Sohrab, Taos, Romancer, Morstock, 10-1 Balanak, Nordansk, 12-1 others.

1995: BLAST FREEZE 6-10-8 M Fitzgerald (2-1) N Henderson 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S Dow	5	14	35.7	C Maude	6	18	33.3
S Sherwood	4	16	25.0	J Osborne	32	109	29.4
O Sherwood	14	57	24.6	A P McCoy	9	31	29.0
D Nicholson	11	46	23.9	M A Fitzgerald	13	72	18.1
C Mann	3	13	23.1	A Maguire	14	79	17.7
M Pipe	16	73	21.9	C Llewellyn	8	47	17.0

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Southwell (AW, 1.35), Fontwell Park (1.45), Sedgefield (1.25).

TUESDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 1.15), Carlisle (1.30).

WEDNESDAY: Wolverhampton (AW, 2.00), Nottingham (1.20), Windsor (1.40).

THURSDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 1.30), Ludlow (1.10), Taunton (1.20).

FRIDAY: Southwell (AW, 1.40), Catterick (1.20), Kempton Park (1.30).

SATURDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 1.25), Catterick (12.45), Haydock Park (BBC, 12.30), Kempton Park (C4, 1.10).

Flat meetings in bold

RACELINE
FULL RESULTS SERVICE
0891-168-168
0891 168+ BEFORE THE OFF / RESULTS / COMMENTARY
ASCOT 101 201 301
WARWICK 102 202 302
N'CASTLE 103 203 303
LINGFIELD 104 204 304
IRISH 120 220 320

WARWICK

THUNDERER

12.25 Dark Nightingale
12.55 Sparkling Yasmin
1.30 Swivel
2.00 Philip's Woody
2.35 Jibber The Kibber
3.05 MAAMUR (nap)
3.40 Pharanear

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

12.25 HAMPTON HILL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,366: 2m) (16 runners)

1	23021-3	BAYARIYKA 56 (F) (Paddock Potential Racing) N Henderson 5-11-13	M Lane (7)	81
2	24-10	BELLROI 61 (D,BF,F) (Mrs G Smith) M Tompkins 5-11-13	B Powell	87
3	2/4F-022	GENERAL TONIC 9 (Starlight Racing) D Gandolfo 9-11-12	Sophie Mitchell (5)	93
4	65-U344	THROWER 3F (M Owen) B Preece 5-11-9	G Hogan (3)	91
5	00-362	ROBERO 39 (V,BF) (R & E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-7	R Farrant	88
6	81-133P	DARK NIGHTINGALE 31 (D,G) (Miss L Clark) O Sherwood 6-11-5	J A McCarthy	88
7	0601	TANSEEQ 29 (D,F) (Miss N Taylor) M Meagher 5-11-1	J R Kavanagh	90
8	P25304-	SPEAKER WEATHERILL 224 (Lady Bentinck) O Brennan 7-11-1	M Brennan	97
9	252	MANOLETE 42 (BF) (C Frost) Mrs M Jones 5-11-1	J F Titley	87
10	433-500	NINE O THREE 33 (S) (Brideford Tool Ltd) A Newcombe 7-11-1	A Thornton	92
11	56/3U24	SWISS MOUNTAIN 7 (G) (N Assel) P Bevan 6-10-12	R Johnson (3)	93
12	00-4F	BASSENHALLY 30 (Thorney Racing) Mrs P Sly 6-10-12	R Marley	[illegible]
13	P4-0	CHILDREN'S CHOICE 47 (Mrs A Tollman) P McBride 5-10-7	N Mann	86
14	00-2P 0	MR POPPLETON 105 (Final Furlong Partners) R Brotherton 7-10-1	L Harvey	–
15	9700-4P	ALACIE 74 (Mrs B Tarlo) R Alner 6-10-0	Mr P Henley (5)	80
16	0056-6P	WHAT'S THE JOKE 61 (J Tuck) J Tuck 7-10-0	S McNeill	–

BETTING: 4-1 Bayariyka, 9-2 General Tonic, 6-1 Thrower, 7-1 Bellroi, 8-1 Swiss Mountain, 10-1 others.

12.55 LEASOWES MAIDEN HURDLE

(£3,798: 2m 4f 110yd) (25 runners)

1	4	ALCIAN BLUE 42 (Fytneld Thoroughbreds) M Hammond 5-11-9	Mr C Bonner (3)	91
2	05-0	CAREY'S COTTAGE 31 (Cottage Partners) J Edwards 6-11-9	Mr M Daly (7)	–
3	14P-	CARROT BAY 259P (F,S) (M Ogle) M Ogle 10-11-9	J Frost	–
4	R0	CHAN THE MAN 4 (Mrs S Worthington) N Walker 5-11-9	L Harvey	–
5		DIXIE 50 (Mrs D Brooks) R Stronge 7-11-9	R Stronge	–
6	3P	DODGEM 9 (D Price) M Wilkinson 8-11-9	I Lawrence	87
7		ELA PALIKARI MOU 147 (A Michael) M Muggeridge 5-11-9	M Molloy (7)	–
8	3-344	FOXTROT ROMEO 30 (BF) (Lady Cobham) C Brooks 6-11-9	Mr E James	95
9	1-50	GOLDEN DRUM 31 (BF,S) (H Parker) J Edwards 6-11-9	R Johnson (3)	–
10	3	HOH MUSIC 35 (BF) (D Allport) K Bailey 5-11-9	J A McCarthy	–
11	4	HONEY MOUNT 10F (P Green) N Walker 5-11-9	R Farrant	84
12	0-	JASONS FARM 252 (T Darlington) W Clay 6-11-9	Guy Lewis (3)	–
13	0	KEY TO MOYADE 8 (Mrs L Harper) M Wilkinson 6-11-9	P Crowley (7)	–
14		RAMSTOWN LAD (Mrs C Davies) K Bailey 7-11-9	A Thornton	–
15	02/	RUFFTRADE 947 (Mrs J Nesbitt) T Forster 9-11-9	Mr P Henley (5)	–
16	FF3/	SOUND FORECAST 633P (S) (Mrs S Evans) Mrs S Johnson 9-11-9	Miss C Thomas	–
17	05	SWISS TACTIC 47 (Mrs G Jessop) A Jessop 7-11-9	G Tormey (3)	–
18		THE GO AHEAD (Lady Knutsford) T Forster 6-11-9	J R Kavanagh	–
19	3/02/	THE REVEREND BERT 627 (M Kerr-Dineen & M Dalman) G Balding 8-11-9	R Greene	–
20	6/	TIRLEY LEADER 633 (D Smith) J Smith 7-11-9	T Jenks	–
21	2	TRAIL BOSS 43 (M Broughton) Miss H Knight 5-11-9	J F Titley	[illegible]
22	5-00	BIG VAL 28 (R Loughlin) B Preece 6-11-4	G Hogan (3)	–
23	0/	PAPRIKA 702 (Lavis Medical Systems) A Newcombe 7-11-4	A Dicken	–
24		PRUSSIAN STORM (C Deuters) M Bradstock 7-11-4	S McNeill	–
25	63	SPARKLING YASMIN 12 (V Palmer) P Hobbs 4-10-5	B Powell	98

BETTING: 5-1 Trail Boss, 6-1 Honey Mount, 7-1 Sparkling Yasmin, Hoh Music, 10-1 Alcian Blue, The Reverend Bert, 12-1 others.

1995: RED PARADE 7-11-9 R Greene (8-1) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 24 ran

1.30 RED ROSE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

(£4,572: 2m) (18 runners)

1	031310	KILCORAN BAY 12 (V,BF,D,G,S) (N Harris) I Balding 11-5	Mr A Balding	[illegible]
2	210	SHIFTING MOON 98 (F) (Mrs K Roberts-Hindle) F Jordan 11-5	J Lodder	93
3	1	WATCH MY LIPS 85 (D,G) (Miss D Merson) M Tompkins 11-5	P Maher	73
4	04	BALLESWHIDDEN 10 (I Henderson) B Smart 11-0	M Molloy	76
5	P	ELPIDOS 29 (Mrs M Wolfe) M Hammond 11-0	Mr C Bonner	–
6	RF3	HEATHYARDS ROCK 7 (V) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 11-0	M W Martin	71
7		HE KNOWS THE RULES 267F (J Henwood) R Buckler 11-0	B Powell	–
8		HIGH PATRIARCH 10F (P Green) N Walker 11-0	R Farrant	–
9	0P	MASON 7 (S Tindall) S Mellor 11-0	A Thornton	–
10		MR FROSTY 60F (D Wright) W Jarvis 11-0	J F Titley	–
11	3	RALITSA 49 (Wetherby Racing) M Hammond 11-0	R Burns	92
12	0	RANGER SLOANE 8 (G Fierro) G Fierro 11-0	Gary Lyons	–
13		SELATAN 181F (Starlight Racing) D Gandolfo 11-0	D Leahy	–
14	06	SHEPHERDS REST 7 (Doe Dozen) S Mellor 11-0	N Mann	70
15	P5P0	HUISH CROSS 26F (P Wightman) S Knight 10-9	S Burrough	50
16		MISTINGUETT 42F (J Duggan) N Twiston-Davies 10-9	T Jenks	–
17		SHIFT AGAIN 88F (R Bassett) S Sherwood 10-9	M Richards	–
18	52	SWIVEL 8 (BF) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 10-9	R Johnson	93

BETTING: 4-1 Swivel, 6-1 Mistinguett, 7-1 Watch My Lips, 8-1 Kilcoran Bay, Ralitsa, High Patriarch, 12-1 others.

1995: ARZUM 4-11-8 W Marston (4-9 fav) D Nicholson 10 ran

2.00 EDWARD COURAGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE

C4

(£7,263: 2m 4f 110yd) (16 runners)

1	0/121/	DUSTY MILLER 1113 (D,G,S) (Watership Down) S Sherwood 10-12-0	M Richards	–
2	1110/F-P	ALL FOR LUCK 28 (D,G,S) (B Craig) M Pipe 11-12-0	J Lower	93
3	F4124-6	KENTISH PIPER 50 (CD,F,G,S) (M Gibson) N Gaselee 11-12-0	B Powell	93
4	P/11/PP-	LAKE MISSION 386 (D,G) (W Montgomery) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-5	R Farrant	–
5	3024F	ANDRELOT 9 (B,CD,F,G) (H Jones) P Bowen 9-11-7	R Johnson (3)	92
6	15-1F41	JAMES THE FIRST 33 (F,G,S) (B Bruman) P Nicholls 8-11-6	M Griffiths (7)	89
7	633214-	CUDDY DALE 309 (D,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 13-11-0	A Thornton	98
8	31524-4	SCOLE 10 (V,CD,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 11-10-12	K Gaule (3)	96
9	1P43-16	DENVER BAY 8 (S) (B Naylor) J Gifford 9-10-12	L Aspell (5)	[illegible]
10	121422	PHILIP'S WOODY 44 (D,F,G,S) (E Wilson) N Henderson 8-10-12	J R Kavanagh	90
11	22P11-6	BOSTON ROVER 30 (D,F,G,S) (O Brennan) O Brennan 11-10-3	M Brennan	97
12	324-3F0	FAIR BROTHER 8 (G,S) (Mrs S Watts) G Balding 10-10-6	J Frost	91
13	3U2-63U	WHIPPERS DELIGHT 10 (G,S) (S Tindall) G Charles-Jones 8-10-3	D Walsh (5)	85
14	334/5-UU	ITS NEARLY TIME 7 (C,G,S) (Mrs R Brackenbury) Miss H Knight 13-10-3	J F Titley	–
15	51416-3	KEADS CHERRY 222 (D,S) (T Saxilfield) R Buckler 8-10-2	Mr G Baines (7)	–
16	F315-1P	DISTINCTIVE 10 (D,S) (J Hancock) M Wilkinson 7-10-0	I Lawrence	91

Long handicap: Distinctive 9-11

BETTING: 5-1 James The First, 7-1 Philip's Woody, 8-1 Denver Bay, 10-1 Boston Rover, All For Luck, Andrelot, 12-1 others

1995: WHAT'S IN ORBIT 10-11-6 G Bradley (3-4) P Nicholls 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

JAMES THE FIRST beat Zaipa 1½l in 5-runner handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, soft) with ITS NEARLY TIME (15lb better off) unseated rider 3 out. CUDDY DALE beat Flyer's Nap 5l in 6-runner handicap chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. DENVER BAY beat Dr Rocket 11l in 6-runner handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. FAIR BROTHER best effort this term 4l and head 3rd of 10 to Fen Pitch in handicap chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good). WHIPPERS DELIGHT 15l 3rd of 5 to Northern Saddler in handicap chase at Worcester (2m, soft) on penultimate start, with JAMES THE FIRST [illegible] 4th. DISTINCTIVE beat Change The Act 1½l in 9-runner handicap chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: DENVER BAY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Bowen	3	8	37.5	T Jenks	7	32	21.9
M Pipe	30	113	26.5	R Johnson	3	14	21.4
N Gaselee	10	39	25.6	R Greene	3	24	12.5
Miss H Knight	7	30	23.3	G Hogan	3	26	11.5
D Nicholson	23	102	22.5	J Frost	3	26	11.5
O Sherwood	10	47	21.3	No other qualifiers			

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ascot: 3.45 Balanak. Lingfield Park: 1.25 Kymin. Newcastle: 12.40 Ambidextrous, Almamzar. 1.45 Silver Shot. Warwick: 1.30 Heathyards Rock. 2.00 Scole. 3.05 As Des Carres.

2.35 WESTMINSTER TAXI INSURANCE NOVICES CHASE

C4

(£5,475: 2m 4f 110yd) (16 runners)

1	410F-1P	FALMOUTH BAY 7 (G,S) (J Morton) S Sherwood 7-11-8	M Richards	88
2	4220-U1	AIR SHOT 10 (G,S) (Mrs P Prowting) D Nicholson 6-11-5	R Johnson	80
3	130/0-1	SEEK THE FAITH 52 (S) (R Matthews) M Sheppard 7-11-5	B Powell	[illegible]
4	00-5421	VICOSA 54 (F,S) (Diamond Racing) R Alner 7-11-5	Mr P Henley	80
5	11122-1	ARTIC WINGS 37 (F,G,S) (Lady Bentinck) O Brennan 8-11-0	M Brennan	73
6	1245-14	BELLS LIFE 12 (S) (R Gibbs) P Hobbs 7-11-0	G Tormey	–
7	31210/P-	CHIEF RAGER 478 (S) (J Cheetham) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-0	T Jenks	–
8	0-P0	DARK DIAMOND 8 (Mrs S Kavanagh) H Kavanagh 6-11-0	T C Murphy	–
9	546/00-6	GOD SPEED YOU 32 (Wallop) C Nash 7-11-0	G Hogan	–
10	510-1PF	JIBBER THE KIBBER 7 (BF,S) (J Hitchens) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-0	R Farrant	–
11	4302-3F	SIMPLE ARITHMETIC 7 (S) (Mrs M Morley) K Bailey 8-11-0	A Thornton	93
12	5/-03U54	STRONG JOHN 32 (F,G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 8-11-0	K Gaule	77
13	4F53-F3	TAKE BY STORM 37 (BF) (Mrs R Blackburn) R Buckler 7-11-0	R Greene	69
14	104-124	THE CAUMRUE 7 (G,S) (On The Run Partners) G Balding 8-11-0	J Frost	92
15	2/2231-3	POPPEA 59 (F) (Duchess Of Westminster) T Forster 7-10-9	J F Titley	–
16	11230-F	SECOND CALL 59 (BF,F,S) (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 7-10-9	J R Kavanagh	94

BETTING: 3-1 Simple Arithmetic, 4-1 Jibber The Kibber, 9-2 Seek The Faith, 5-1 Air Shot, 12-1 Second Call, The Caumrue, 16-1 others.

1995: SUNY BAY 6-11-8 G Bradley (11-10 fav) C Brooks 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

FALMOUTH BAY beat Mr Pickpocket ¾l in 12-runner novice chase at Taunton (2m 3f, good) on penultimate start. AIR SHOT beat No Pain No Gain neck in 10-runner novice chase at Lingfield (2m, soft). VICOSA beat Dante's Delight short-head in 7-runner novice handicap chase at Folkestone (2m, good to firm). ARTIC WINGS beat Prize Match 6l in 4-runner novice chase at Fakenham (2m 5f 110yd, good). STRONG JOHN 13½l 4th of 12 to No Pain No Gain in novice chase at Folkestone (2m 5f, good) with GOD SPEED YOU dist 6th. TAKE BY STORM ½l and neck 3rd of 12 to Fenwick in novice handicap chase at Taunton (2m 3f, good). THE CAUMRUE 7¾l 4th of 13 to Mayor Summit in novice chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) with FALMOUTH BAY (4lb worse off) pulled up after 6th and SIMPLE ARITHMETIC fell 5th.
Selection: AIR SHOT

3.05 TOTE NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE

C4

(£10,748: 3m 5f) (12 runners)

1	1-65416	AS DES CARRES 7 (B,G,S) (C Cohen) J Gifford 9-12-0	L Manceau	[illegible]
2	21123/F-	MOORCROFT BOY 420 (CD,G,S) (K Manley) D Nicholson 11-11-10	R Johnson	–
3	1/453-0	PLASTIC SPACEAGE 7 (G,S) (Spaceage Plastics) J Old 13-11-4	T Grantham	80
4	30-545P	GOLD CAP 28 (D,G,S) (G Meadows) Miss J Bower 11-11-4	J F Titley	80
5	385416	GRANGE BRAKE 7 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-3	D Walsh (5)	85
6	1124P-3	VICOMPT DE VALMONT 42 (B,G,S) (J Blackwell) P Nicholls 11-10-13	J R Kavanagh	80
7	2311-U1	MAAMUR 42 (C,G,S) (Mrs A Wood) T Forster 8-10-11	A Thornton	80
8	F213-P1	TERAO 10 (S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 10-10-9	J Lower	83
9	55F0-44	DO BE BRIEF 30 (G,S) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 11-10-7	R Farrant	86
10	131313-	THE MALAKARMA 236 (F,G,S) (C Dorey) Mrs I McKie 10-10-0	L Harvey	80
11	F13-031	FULL OF OATS 7 (C,S) (I MacDonald) Miss H Knight 10-10-0	Mr J Culloty (7)	80
12	41U-532	ALICE SMITH 24 (G,S) (Mrs J Eckley) B Eckley 9-10-0	R Greene	54

Long handicap: The Malakarma 9-12, Full Of Oats 9-6, Alice Smith 8-3.

BETTING: 3-1 Maamur, 9-2 As Des Carres, 7-1 Terao, Full Of Oats, 8-1 Vicompt De Valmont, Do Be Brief, 10-1 Grange Brake, 12-1 others.

1995: WILLSFORD 12-10-7 W Marston (7-2) Mrs J Pitman 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

AS DES CARRES beat Al Capone II 2½l in 12-runner chase at Auteuil (3m 6f, soft) on penultimate start. GRANGE BRAKE beat Bradbury Star dist in 3-runner Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow (3m, good to soft) on penultimate start.
VICOMPT DE VALMONT 12½l 2nd of 9 to Greenhill Tare Away in handicap chase at Chepstow (3m 2f 110yd, good to soft). MAAMUR beat Countess Veruschka 20l in 13-runner handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, good to soft) with DO BE BRIEF (16lb better off) 27l 4th. TERAO beat Mad Thyme 3½l in 9-runner handicap chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, soft). FULL OF OATS beat Killeshin 20l in 12-runner amateur riders handicap chase at Warwick (3m 2f, good to soft). ALICE SMITH neck 2nd of 7 to Nickup in handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, good)
Selection: MAAMUR (nap)

3.40 WARWICK GOLD CARD HANDICAP HURDLE

C4

(Qualifier: £7,460: 2m 4f 110yd) (18 runners)

1	12P110-	ALLEGATION 282 (V,CD,G,S) (Pipe Racing) M Pipe 6-12-0	J Evans	91
2	U1106-1	HOPS AND POPS 68 (D,F,G,S) (Happy Band) R Alner 9-11-1	Mr P Henley (5)	96
3	303-F10	BELL STAFFBOY 36 (CD,F,G) (K Bell & Son) C Broad 7-10-11	I Lawrence	[illegible]
4	12140-4	ENCORE UN PEU 35 (G,S) (V Nally) M Pipe 9-10-8	J Lower	90
5	2106-24	FUZZY LOGIC 30 (G,S) (Cheltenham Racing) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-7	T Jenks	90
6	PD/0012-	PRAGADA 305 (B,C,D,G,S) (Mrs M McElroy) R Rowe 13-10-7	D O'Sullivan	84
7	6-41311	PHARANEAR 31 (D,F,G,S) (Stainless Fasteners) D Nicholson 6-10-6	R Johnson (3)	91
8	1P/12P0-	DO BE HAVE 305 (G) (Peters and Lee) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-6	R Farrant	90
9	01/3F3-1	PLEASURE SHARED 70 (S) (T Eaves) P Hobbs 8-10-2	J F Titley	92
10	031410-	CASH CHASE 281 (D,F,G,S) (S Ryan) O Brennan 8-10-0	M Brennan	93
11	212243/	BOLLINGER 637 (D,F,G,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 10-10-0	L Aspell (5)	–
12	3-46214	KARAR 31 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Sampson) R Rowe 6-10-0	D Carson (7)	84
13	0/1-	COUNTRYMASTER 341 (S) (C Bracher) C Egerton 7-10-0	Mr J Culloty (7)	75
14	3/P10-5	ANGELO'S DOUBLE 12 (S) (J Henwood) R Buckler 8-10-0	B Powell	83
15	11/0/4/	NEEDWOOD MUPPET 756 (D,G) (D Blagden) A J Wilson 9-10-0	L Harvey	–
16	2261-20	FURIETTO 28 (F) (Shurlbrook Park) M Hammond 6-10-0	Mr C Bonner (3)	72
17	01404-0	RIMOUSKI 25 (G) (J Stevenson) B Cambidge 8-10-0	Gary Lyons	81
18	2111-U0	GLEN MIRAGE 33 (F,S) (J Coombe) M Coombe 11-10-0	Mr G Baines (7)	66

Long handicap: Bollinger 9-11, Karar 9-6, Countrymaster 9-3, Angelo's Double 9-1, Needwood Muppet 9-0, Furietto 9-11, Rimouski 8-6, Glen Mirage 7-7

BETTING: 5-1 Pharanear, 6-1 Hops And Pops, Pleasure Shared, 7-1 Encore Un Peu, 8-1 Pragada, 10-1 Allegation, 12-1 others.

1995: MIRACLE MAN 7-10-6 D O'Sullivan (14-1) C Weedon 24 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOPS AND POPS beat Great Marquess 13l in 3-runner hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, good to firm). BELL STAFFBOY beat Celibate 1l in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. ENCORE UN PEU about 5l 4th of 7 to Home Counties in handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, good). PHARANEAR beat Dressington Dario 3½l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Bangor (3m, good) with KARAR (11b better off) 12l 4th. PLEASURE SHARED beat Tennessee Twist 2½l in 16-runner novice hurdle at Chepstow (3m, good to soft) with PHARANEAR (2lb better off) 5l 3rd. CASH CHASE beat Welshman head in 6-runner handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. KARAR beat Prince Of Salerno 6l in 18-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (3m, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: PHARANEAR

*FREE Binoculars!
FREE POCKET SPORTS BINOCULARS FOR FIRST TIME TELEPHONE CALLERS staking £40 or more using Switch or Delta bank or building society debit cards.
RING TODAY · BET TODAY
0800 44 40 40
(Minimum total investment per call £10. Over 18's only.)
*Free compact binoculars will be sent within 7 to 10 days of your first bet being placed.
LADBROKE H'CAP HURDLE
2 miles, Leopardstown, 2.20pm, Live on BBC and CH4 TV.
6/1 Derrymoyle
6/1 Jeffell
8/1 Family Way
9/1 Sambara
10/1 Bank Statement
12/1 Chief's Song
12/1 Destriero
12/1 Kaldan Khan
14/1 Gambolling Doc
16/1 Dance Beat
20/1 Arctic Weather
20/1 Shaihar
20/1 Squire Silk
25/1 Crossfarnogue
25/1 Non Vintage
33/1 Nemuro
33/1 Reasilvia
40/1 Miltonfield
40/1 Nordic Thorn
50/1 Bookcase
50/1 Leggagh Lady
50/1 Palacegate King
50/1 Ring The Alarm
Each way One Quarter the odds a place 1, 2, 3, 4. Prices subject to fluctuation. Available up to First Show. Tattersalls Rule 4(c) may apply. Non runner – no bet.
LATEST ODDS ON William Hill TV TEXT
• Teletext on CH4 P601/602/603
William HILL
TO OPEN A CREDIT ACCOUNT FREEPHONE 0800 289 892. WILLIAM HILL RULES APPLY
PRICES SUBJECT TO FLUCTUATION

هكذا من الأصل

Britain fields six in rich handicap

Family Way can add to Moore's tally in Ladbroke

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

BARNBROOK AGAIN, in 1987, was the last British-trained runner to go home with The Ladbroke, a handicap hurdle run at Leopardstown, to his name. Six attempt to put that record straight on the prevailing testing ground today, but the losing run looks set to continue.

Chief's Song, the recent William Hill Hurdle winner, is the shortest-priced of them although even he is quoted at around the 14-1 mark. The Arthur Moore-trained Jeffell heads the sponsor's ante-post list alongside Derrymoyle, but the solution to this annual puzzle may be Moore's other representative, Family Way.

Francis Woods, the stable jockey, had the pick of Jeffell and Family Way and it is significant that he chose the latter, who slipped up in this race last year. "I rode Family Way in the race last year when we thought he had a big chance," Woods said. "We were knocked down in general *crowding after the third hurdle* and I am sticking with him this time."

Moore, who has won this race five times, including when it was known as the Sweeps Hurdle, was inclined to agree with his jockey yesterday. "Fran has probably made the right choice," he said. "The horse is a good handicapper who has run well in the County Hurdle and is in good form. It's a very open race though, run on a tight track, so it can be a bit of a lottery."

Family Way has had only the one run this season, when fourth to Kharasar at Thurles in December. That race should have him ready to reproduce the form he showed when narrowly beaten by Home Counties in the County Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Graham Bradley has come in for the ride on Jeffell, who won at *Limerick on Boxing* Day, but this long-striding six-year-old may not be suited by the hurly-burly of The Ladbroke. Mark Dwyer's mount, Derrymoyle, the runner-up last year, invariably runs well but just as regularly seems to find one or two too good.

Chief's Song needed the full Richard Dunwoody drive to *beat Eskimo Nel at Sandown* and had Bookcase and Squire Silk behind him. It is difficult to see Simon Dow's charge improving much from that effort but he should still fare *best of the raiders*.

That, however, should not be good enough. Given a clear run, and in The Ladbroke that has to be taken on trust, Family Way looks a reasonable *bet to give Moore another* success in this race.

Moore and Woods pitch their Arkle Trophy winner, Klairon Davis, against another Champion Chase candidate, *Strong Platinum, in the* McCain Handicap Chase. On form, Strong Platinum has the beating of Klairon Davis, but he is a horse who thrives on good ground and today's soft surface can tilt the balance Klairon Davis's way.

Richard Dunwoody takes the mount on Rough Quest in the Pierse Leopardstown Handicap Chase. Terry Casey's gelding is due a change of luck having been runner-up to Couldnt Be Better in the Hennessy and Unguided Missile in the Betterware Cup at Ascot.

If Dunwoody can restrain Rough Quest early on, the horse's undoubted class can see him deliver a decisive late challenge.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FRONT STREET
(2.10 Ascot)

Nb: Seasonal Splendour
(1.00 Ascot)

Richard Evans was in sparkling form at Ascot yesterday, napping Treasure Again (14-1), and selecting Percy Smollett (7-1) and Certainly Strong (15-8) in his television guide.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Elsworth runs two in pursuit of a lucrative success in The Ladbroke this afternoon

LEOPARDSTOWN FIELD — BBC1 and C4

2.20 10th LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE
(Ir£39,200: 2m) (23 runners)

1	5/0-	DESTRIERO 305 (CD,G,S) N Furlong 10-11-12	K O'Brien
2	21-3	DERRYMOYLE 12 (F,G) M Cunningham 7-11-6	M Dwyer
3	-140	SQUIRE SILK 42 (D,F,G,S) A Turnell (GB) 7-11-5	P Carberry
4	U011	CHIEF'S SONG 42 (D,G) S Dow (GB) 6-11-2	R Dunwoody
5	45-1	CROSSFARNOGUE 194 (D,F,G,S) A O'Brien 7-10-12	L Cusack
6	801F	NEMURO 10 (B,D,F,G) D Elsworth (GB) 8-10-12	A McCabe
7	6526	SHAIHAR 13 (D,G,S) M O'Brien 5-10-12	B Sheridan
8	5112	KALDAN KHAN 80 (BF,F,G) A P O'Brien 5-10-11	C Swan
9	-125	ARCTIC WEATHER 13 (D,G,S) M O'Brien 7-10-10	T Rudd
10	2P-4	GAMBOLLING DOC 63 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Mullins 6-10-10	T Treacy
11	2130	NON VINTAGE 28 (D,G,S) M Chapman (GB) 5-10-8	W Worthington
12	1200	NORDIC THORN 42 (B,D,F,G) M Brassil 6-10-7	D Evans
13	3254	REASILVIA 12 (CD,G,S) E O'Grady 6-10-6	J Shortt
14	20-4	FAMILY WAY 34 (D,G) A Moore 9-10-5	F Woods
15	001-	PALACEGATE KING 259 (D,S) A Whillans (GB) 7-10-4	B Harding
16	3112	SAMBARA 13 (D,F,G,S) W P Mullins 5-10-4	D Casey
17	3-01	JEFFELL 18 (D,G,S) A Moore 6-10-3	G Bradley
18	3431	BOOKCASE 31 (D,F,G) D Elsworth (GB) 9-10-1	A Procter
19	0304	RING THE ALARM 10 (D,S) M Lynch 8-10-0	T Mitchell
20	4211	BANK STATEMENT 42 (D,F,G) T Taaffe 5-9-12	C O'Dwyer
21	1131	DANCE BEAT 12 (D,G) Mrs J Harrington 5-9-12	A Powell
22	6164	LEGGAGH LADY 17 (G) P Flynn 5-9-12	M Duffy
23	-091	MILTONFIELD 13 (C,G,S) J Mulhern 7-9-12	J Broderick

6-1 Jeffell, 7-1 Derrymoyle, Sambara, 10-1 Family Way, 11-1 Kaldan Khan, Gambolling Doc, 12-1 Dance Beat, Destriero, 14-1 Arctic Weather, Bank Statement, Chief's Song, 20-1 Reasilvia, 25-1 Shaihar, Nordic Thorn, Palacegate King, 28-1 Crossfarnogue, Squire Silk, Miltonfield, 40-1 Non Vintage, 50-1 Bookcase, Ring The Alarm, Nemuro, 66-1 Leggagh Lady.

Dunlop keen to promote rise of Colonel O'Kelly

Carl Evans, point-to-point correspondent, finds the champion Flat trainer declaring an interest in the season's opening weekend

A COLONEL threatens to steal the spotlight from the army as the 1996 point-to-point season begins this weekend. Today's Army fixture at **Larkhill** opens proceedings but tomorrow's **Garth & South Berks** meeting at Tweseldown boasts the star act, Colonel O'Kelly.

The 12-year-old brown gelding won four times from five attempts last year, but his role on this occasion has added significance as his owner is John Dunlop and his rider the champion Flat trainer's 19-year-old son, Harry, who is making his British debut.

The involvement of a leading licensed trainer is nothing new to point-to-pointing: Ian Balding rode regularly until three years ago, the Easterby brothers are owner-trainers *and Tim Forster is an enthusi*astic owner, to name but a few.

While all those illustrious names treat the sport as a hobby, another member of their profession, Paul Nicholls, is adding a fresh dimension. The Somerset-based trainer takes in young pointers who have learnt the basics and attempts to produce champions. His unbeaten hurdler See More Business is a fine example.

Nicholls, in conjunction with Richard Barber, who handles the young horses as pointers, is setting trends. But it is the increasing standards overall which have upgraded pointing's importance.

Pointing has changed enormously in the last 20 years. Newcomers to the countryside have discovered the sport's attractions and bought horses which they place in livery yards. The owners want results, so the livery yards copy professional training methods and use competent riders.

Point-to-pointing has long regarded itself as a nursery for National Hunt racing but it *was primarily thinking of* horses. Now would-be jockeys cut their teeth between the flags, as do trainers, with an increasing number of livery yard owners taking out licences. *Barber* has no ambition to do so, nor does Sheila Crow or Caroline Saunders, who handle big strings in Shropshire and Northamptonshire respectively.

Crow's canny purchasing of young horses — Yukon Gale and Inchfountain are two to watch this season — has helped her son, Alastair, win two national riders' titles while Saunders has been unrivalled in training hunter chase winners.

It is somewhat disappointing that in this era of fitness and competence-awareness, point-to-pointing has this week been labelled Britain's most dangerous sport by Dr Michael Turner, the Jockey Club's chief medical adviser.

However, the fear of injury will not deter those who love the chase and there will be plenty of runners at today's opening fixture. Britain's champion woman rider, Polly *Curling, partners Rural Outfit* for Barber in the Ladies' Open but has to make way for Tim Mitchell on What A Hand in the Land Rover qualifier, a race restricted to men. Curling rode What A Hand to win The Times Rising Stars final at Newbury and will be on the horse for his long-term objective, Cheltenham's Foxhunters' Chase.

TODAY'S MEETING: Army, Larkhill, 5m NW of Amesbury, Wilts (first race 12.00).
TOMORROW: Cambs Harriers, Cottenham, 4m N of Cambridge (12.00); Garth & South Berks, Tweseldown, 3m W of Aldershot (12.00).

Enlightenment lobby calls on help from above

SIMON BARNES
On Saturday

WE ARE now only begin*ning to pull out of the Slough* of Despond which we enter annually on that dread day when we are robbed of an hour of light and life: that awful moment of the year when "*the clocks go back*". This is ghastly for all sorts of reasons, but it is the legitimate concern of this column because half our sports need daylight before they can *happen. I am delighted to* report that help is at hand from the British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill, which aims to give us back our lost hour.

Organisations supporting *the Private Member's Bill* include the Sports Council for England and Wales, the Sports Council Scotland, the Lawn Tennis Association, the Scottish Rugby Union (which has been in the dark for too long already), the British Horseracing Board, the Scottish Canoe Association and the Scottish Parachute Club. It is worth supporting the Bill simply to prevent the ghastly rain of kilted parachutists hurtling down over Scotland from a darkened sky.

The Bill should, its backers claim, increase road safety and personal safety, and help tourism, especially in Scotland. It will also give children a chance to play football after school. If the Scottish parachutists do not convince you, the chance for an extra session of three-goals-and-in should do so.

Own goal

Henry Kissinger is famous for being the only American who likes football. Having acquired from somewhere or other a taste for intervention in international affairs, he has single-handedly saved the Concacaf Gold Cup from extinction. This was, or is, a nine-team international football tournament taking place in the United States for the soccer-playing nations of Central America and the Caribbean as well as the United States.

Naturally, the United States was not going to make a fool of itself by actually allowing the teams into the country: it managed to get all the documents stuck in the mangle, bound with red tape. Kissinger got stuck in himself, lobbied the White House, dynamited the obstruction and freed the docu*mentation in the nick of* time.

Mind you, you can't blame Americans if they sometimes get *a mite confused about* football. This week the Portuguese club, Sporting Lisbon, made a 1,000-kilometre round trip to play 145 seconds of football against *Chaves. The 145 seconds* were required to complete a match suspended because of a floodlight failure. It ended (twice) as a 1-1 draw and each side claimed it should have *received the full points* because the other had broken the rules.

☐ *Pelé, now 55, is going to have an operation to reverse his vasectomy. You read it here first.*

Understrength

Greg Chappell was mentally unfit to captain Australia on that infamous day when he ordered his younger brother, Trevor, to bowl underarm, with New Zealand needing six to win off the last ball. "I was just exhausted mentally and physically, wasn't thinking straight," he said on Australia radio this week. The incident took place in 1981, but, "it continues to be brought up nearly every day of my life".

Hes been under a lot of strain recently

Tony Husband

Bulldozed

A shame that Hereford won't be able to bring their bully mascot to White Hart Lane for the FA Cup replay against Spurs on Wednesday. Police and Tottenham officials fear that the bull will be "upset" by the Tottenham crowd. Perhaps they fear that the bull, called Free Town Kudos, will do a Cantona. The Hereford chairman, Peter Hill, expressed his disappointment, adding that he had offered not to charge Tottenham for fertilising their pitch. But there's always plenty of that commodity at any Premiership football club.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

12.40 Highbank. 1.10 *Bark'N'Bite*. 1.45 *Romany Creek*. 2.20 Carnetto. 2.55 Addington Boy. 3.25 Floating Line. 3.55 Native Field.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

12.40 SHOVELER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£2,099: 2m) (16 runners)

1	UP/F	DARI SOUND 30 (D,F,G) J Fitzgerald 8-12-4	E Callaghan
2	4/0-	ASHDREN 95F (D,G) A Harrison 9-11-12	D J Kavanagh
3	421-	BARDAISH 345 (G) M Barraclough 9-11-12	T J Murphy
4	-05U	ALMAMZAR 9 (B) K Tinkler 6-11-6	E Husband
5	0-0	ANOTHER ISLAY 26 C Parker 5-11-6	D Parker
6	00R-	RELIEVE IT 238 N Waggott 7-11-6	S Taylor
7	2043	RUDI'S PRIDE 36 (B) S Bell 5-11-6	J Supple
8	0	CELTIC CEILIDH 38 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-1	C McCormack (5)
9	200-	NAWTINOOKEY 305 T Dyer 6-11-1	A Linton (5)
10		SYLVAN CELEBRATION 149F J Goldie 5-11-1	F Perratt
11	031	HIGHBANK 36 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-0	G Lee
12	6	AMBIDEXTROUS 7 (B) E Alston 4-10-8	F Leahy
13	60	KIND PRINCE 61 S [illegible] 4-10-8	S O'Donnell (5)
14	0	NORTHERN TROVE 9F Ronald Thompson 4-10-8	P McLoughlin
15	2330	SAHAKA HARA 45 W Cunningham 4-10-8	W Fry
16	4P	SEE YOU AGAIN 36 M Brittain 4-10-8	G Cahill

7-2 Highbank, 9-2 Bardaish, 5-1 Dari Sound, 6-1 Ashdren, Rudi's Pride, 7-1 See You Again, 8-1 Almamzar, 12-1 others.

1.10 TEAL JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,728: 2m) (25 runners)

1	1	DANBYS GORSE 8 (D,S) J Jefferson 11-6	R Davis
2	42?P	MILL THYME 7 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 11-0	G Lee (3)
3	0	ABSOLUTE FOLLY 28 Mrs S Smith 10-12	L Donnelly (7)
4	00	BARK'N'BITE 44 Mrs M Reveley 10-12	P Niven
5	00	BARTON HEIGHTS 28 Mrs M Reveley 10-12	M Herrington (7)
6	30	BEAU MATELOT 28 Miss M Milligan 10-12	R Guest
7	332	DALLY BOY 28 M H Easterby 10-12	L Wyer
8		DASH TO THE PHONE 199F K Morgan 10-12	A S Smith
9	0	EIGHT SHARP 28 M Hammond 10-12	A Dobbin
10		INTENDANT 29F J Fitzgerald 10-12	F Leahy (3)
11		KEMO SABO 126F C Parker 10-12	D Parker (3)
12	0P	LAAL 44 M Barraclough 10-12	Ann Stokell
13	00	LEEDONS PARK 45 M W Easterby 10-12	J Driscoll
14	55	MEDIA EXPRESS 37 M Brittain 10-12	G Cahill (7)
15		MENSHAAR 239F L Lungo 10-12	F Perratt
16	50	MITHRAIC 68 W Cunningham 10-12	D Bentley
17		MR CHRISTIE 300F Miss L Siddall 10-12	R Supple
18	6	RIVER WYE 28 J [illegible] 10-12	N Smith
19		STYLISH INTERVAL 131F N Waggott 10-12	S Taylor (7)
20		SUL FOSSO 284F Mrs S Smith 10-12	L McGrath (7)
21	00	TEEJAY'N'AITCH 48 J Goldie 10-12	J Callaghan
22		TILAAL 113F M Hammond 10-12	R Garritty
23	6	FINAL FLING 63 Denys Smith 10-7	B Storey
24		SHARMOOR 215F Miss L Siddall 10-7	E Husband (3)
25	00	SOUPREME 37 Mrs M Reveley 10-7	B Hodge

3-1 Danbys Gorse, 4-1 Mill Thyme, 5-1 Dally Boy, 7-1 Media Express, 8-1 [illegible], 12-1 Final Fling, Tilaal, 16-1 others.

1.45 PINTAIL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,811: 3m 6f) (7)

1	2-3F	HONEST WORD 36 (F,G,S) S Brookshaw 11-11-10	J Railton
2	2533	SILVER STICK 28 (V,C,F,G,S) M W Easterby 9-11-9	R Garritty
3	0-4P	NEVADA GOLD 7 (F,G,S) F Yardley 10-11-9	P McLoughlin
4	1313	ROMANY CREEK 31 (V,BF,F,G,S) I Balding 7-11-4	B Clifford
5	1311	THE BUD CLUB 9 (B,F,G) K Bailey 8-10-5	W McFarland
6	-065	SNOOK POINT 8 (S) D Lamb 9-10-0	A Manners (7)
7	76-0	PADDY MORRISSEY 3 J Haldane 9-10-0	A Dobbin

11-4 Silver Stick, 3-1 The Bud Club, 7-2 Honest Word, 4-1 Nevada Gold, 5-1 Romany Creek, 16-1 Snook Point, 66-1 Paddy Morrissey.

2.20 BITTERN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,970: 3m) (14)

1	1121	THE LAST FLING 49 (F,G) Mrs S Smith 6-11-13	R Guest
2	6-2F	ZAMHAREER 42 (C,G) W Storey 5-11-8	R McGrath (7)
3	1111	SOUTH WESTERLY 38 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-7	G Lee (3)
4	31-P	MOREOF A GUNNER 24 (C,S) J Jefferson 8-11-5	R Davis
5	3-44	PRIDE OF MAY 9 (V,S) C Fairhurst 5-11-1	J Callaghan
6	21-0	SIRERIC 47 (D,S) S Bell 6-11-1	N Smith
7	F122	RYE CROSSING 9 (F) M H Easterby 6-10-11	L Wyer
8	F043	CARNETTO 8 (BF,G,S) R Brewis 9-10-10	G Harker
9	3P31	DOMINIE 9 (D,G,S) K Bailey 8-10-8	T J Murphy (3)
10	2231	ABLE PLAYER 8 (V,CD,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 9-10-4	J Burke
11	3600	MONARU 8 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 10-10-3	T J Comerford (7)
12	30-1	GYMCRAK TIGER 72 (F,G) G Holmes 6-10-3	A Dobbin
13	5632	FORWARD GLEN 8 (C,F) P Cheesbrough 9-10-2	R Supple
14	P060	RUSTINO 8 (B,D,G,S) W Cunningham 10-10-0	W Fry

4-1 South Westerly, 5-1 The Last Fling, 6-1 Rye Crossing, 7-1 Gymcrak Tiger, Able Player, 8-1 Forward Glen, Dominie. 10-1 others.

2.55 DIPPER NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £12,444. 2m 4f) (6)

1	1132	CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 7 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 7-11-9	L Wyer
2	1121	ADDINGTON BOY 65 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 8-11-5	A Dobbin
3	3214	ANDROS GALE 8 (B,F) J Howard Johnson 7-11-5	R Guest
4	P-2P	AVRO ANSON 49 (F,G) M Camacho 8-11-5	P Niven
5	4-0P	EXCISE MAN 24 (G) F Walton 8-11-5	Mr A Robson
6	2521	LORD GYLLENE (D) S Brookshaw 8-11-5	J Railton

13-8 Cumbrian Challenge, 2-1 Addington Boy, 5-2 Avro Anson, 8-1 others.

3.25 HERON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,048: 2m) (18)

1	002	WEEHEBY 28 M Barraclough 7-11-13	T J Murphy (3)
2	/0-3	FLOATING LINE 35 E Alston 8-11-9	P Niven
3	5613	WISDOM 37 (V,D,F) K Morgan 4-11-3	A S Smith
4	1500	PHARARE 9 (D,F) R Woodhouse 6-11-2	L O'Hara
5	4108	IZZA 46 (D,G) W Storey 5-11-0	J Supple (3)
6	1032	ERINY 24 (D,S) J Quinn 7-10-13	R Guest
7	0-50	ELA MAN HOWA 28 N Tinkler 5-10-13	J Railton
8	3/F6	ADMIRALS SEAT 7 M W Easterby 8-10-13	R Garritty
9	-022	*WHATDIDYOUSAY 28 (BF) B Bousfield 8-10-12*	*G Lee (3)*
10	2011	RACHAEL'S OWEN 24 (D,F,G) T Dyer 6-10-11	J Callaghan
11	000	JEMIMA PUDDLEDUCK 28 A Streeter 5-10-9	W Humphreys
12	5FR1	BOLANEY GIRL 40 (D,F) F Murtagh 7-10-8	A Dobbin
13	0644	CURRENT SPEECH 28 (B) M H Easterby 5-10-4	L Wyer
14	012F	CADEAUX PREMIERE 52 (D,BF,F) Denys Smith 5-10-4	B Storey
15	3302	ON A PEDESTAL 56 Mrs J Ramsden 4-10-0	R Supple
16	33-0	JENDORCET 29 C Fairhurst 6-10-0	F Perratt
17	F00	SILVER SLEEVE 7 M Hammond 4-10-0	D Bentley
18	P0-0	MINI CRUISE 38 J Howard Johnson 6-10-0	Hugh Taylor

9-2 Weeheby, 5-1 Floating Line, 6-1 Wisdom, Rachael's Owen, 7-1 Whatdidyousay, 8-1 Bolaney Girl, On A Pedestal, 10-1 others.

3.55 MALLARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,944: 2m 4f) (17)

1	11-1	JALCANTO 91 (CD,F) Mrs M Reveley 6-12-0	G Cahill (7)
2	-303	ALJADEER 7 (B,D,F,G) M W Easterby 7-11-13	R Garritty
3	564P	NORDIC SUN 35F (G,S) L Lloyd-James 8-11-12	G Lee (3)
4	11P/	TRANSGLOT 113F (D,G,S) J FitzGerald 9-11-10	F Leahy (3)
5	-631	CUTTHROAT KID 9 (V,D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-5	P Niven
6	55-F	VASILIEV 7 (B,D,F,S) S Gollings 8-11-2	A S Smith
7	/0-0	IPALLELSEFALLS 28 (D,F) L Lungo 8-11-0	T Reed
8	0023	SHANNON GLEN 9 (B,D,F,S) M Smith 10-10-13	G Harker
9	2-03	SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO 49 (G) W Storey 5-10-12	J Supple (3)
10	3/20	NATIVE FIELD 28 (F,S) J Fitzgerald 7-10-11	E Callaghan (5)
11	1F/P	OUTSET 49 (D,G) M Hammond 6-10-9	A Dobbin
12	1160	VAL DE RAMA 49 (F,G) Denys Smith 7-10-8	B Storey
13	22-5	JUST SUPPOSEN 39 (F) B Rothwell 5-10-3	R Supple
14	5/1-	MANOR COURT 470 (D,F) D Lamb 8-10-2	A Manners (7)
15	123	DAWN MISSION 60 (F) M H Easterby 4-10-1	L Wyer
16	121/	HUSO 635F (F,S) P Haslam 8-10-0	J Callaghan
17	2260	INNOCENT GEORGE 9 (F,G) Miss L Siddall 7-10-0	E Husband (3)

4-1 Aljadeer, 5-1 Jalcanto, 6-1 Cutthroat Kid, 13-2 Dawn Mission, 7-1 Sunday News'n'echo, 8-1 Shannon Glen, 10-1 Native Field, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Camacho, 4 winners from 7 runners, 57.1%; J Jefferson, 9 from 25, 36.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 29 from 116, 25.0%; M W Easterby, 7 from 33, 21.2%; P Cheesbrough, 12 from 58, 20.7%; C Parker, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: A S Smith, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; P Niven, 32 from 125, 25.6%; L Wyer, 15 from 9[illegible], 16.5%; T Reed, 15 from 91, [illegible]; A Dobbin, 10 from 77, 13.0%; R Guest 4 from 32, 12.5%.

☐ Richard Guest, was banned for three days (January 22-24) at Musselburgh for misuse of the whip aboard the Sue Smith-trained Dream Start, who finished fifth to Kimberley Boy in the Links Selling Handicap Hurdle.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: good to soft, soft in places.

12.55 [illegible] 1, **Act Of Faith** (C Llewellyn, 25-1); 2, Whatabob (9-2 fav); 3, [illegible] 20 ran. NR: [illegible] N Gaselee. Tote: £22.70; £4.40, £1.60, £3.60. DF: £52.60. Trio: £472.60. CSF: [illegible]

1.30 [illegible] 1, **Northern Saddler** (R Dunwoody, [illegible]); 2, [illegible]; 3, [illegible] 11-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: [illegible] P Hodges. Tote: £5.20; [illegible] DF: [illegible] CSF: £24.95. Tricast: £104.52.

2.05 [illegible] 1, **Storm North** (R Davis, [illegible]); 2, [illegible] 16 ran. [illegible] Miss V [illegible] Tote: [illegible]; £4.90, £1.30, £2.10. DF: [illegible] Trio: £105.10. CSF: [illegible] Tricast: [illegible]

2.35 [illegible] 1, **Certainly Strong** (A [illegible]); 2, [illegible] (20-1); 3, [illegible] 13-8 fav. 6 ran. [illegible] Tote: £2.80; £1.60. [illegible] CSF: £25.81.

3.05 [illegible] 1, **Percy Smollett** (A [illegible]); 2, Unguided Missile (11-4 [illegible]); 3, [illegible] (5-1). 9 ran. NR: [illegible] Tote: £7.90. [illegible] DF: £15.80. [illegible] CSF: [illegible] Tricast: £96.35.

3.35 [illegible] 1, **Treasure Again** (C [illegible], 14-1, Richard Evans's nap); 2, [illegible] Mrs M Jones. Tote: [illegible] DF: £163.70. [illegible] CSF: [illegible] Tricast: [illegible]

Jackpot: not won (pool of £71,406.78 carried forward to Ascot today).

Placepot: £[illegible]. Quadpot: £241.50.

Musselburgh

Going: good

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, **Direct Route** (P Carberry, 4-1); 2, Slash The Cash (10-1); 3, Canaan Valley (25-1). Toujours Riviera 11-8 fav. 13 ran. 4l, 1¾l. J Johnson. Tote: £4.40; £1.30, £1.80, £20.90. DF: £8.10. Trio: £22.00. CSF: £38.75.

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, **Merchant Ming** (R Garritty, 5-1); 2, *Bonjour* (J Railton, 6-1); 2, Robsera (4-1 jt-fav). Appearance Money 4-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. 3½l. M Hammond. Tote: £5.10; £1.80, £1.40, £2.90. DF: £14.20. Trio: £7.10. CSF: £36.45.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, **Kimberley Boy** (P Niven, 4-1); 2, Funny Rose (3-1 fav); 3, Cossat (5-1). 12 ran. 10l, 2l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £5.90; £2.20, £2.20, £2.20. DF: £10.70. Trio: £13.10. CSF: £15.72. Tricast: £56.53.

2.15 (2m ch) 1, **Five To Seven** (A Dobbin, 5-2); 2, Know-No-No (10-1); 3, Taro Card (150-1). Aragon 11-10 fav. 13 ran. NR: Gulf-A. 15l, 12l. C Thornton. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £2.40, £61.30. DF: £16.40. Trio: not won (pool of £706.56 carried forward to 3.45 at Ascot today). CSF: £26.11.

2.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **Lieutheen** (P Niven, 8-1); 2, Blue Charm (10-1); 3, Don't Tell Judy (33-1). Topsawyer 5-2 fav. 15 ran. 4l, 7l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £8.50; £2.10, £1.40, £13.60. DF: £31.70. Trio: not won (pool of £794.53 carried forward to 3.45 at Ascot today). CSF: £83.40. Tricast: £2,311.49.

3.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, **Charming Gale** (A Watt, 7-1); 2, Puffer (9-2); 3, Potato Man (66-1). Cross Cannon 3-1 fav. 9 ran. 9 ran. 1½l, 6l. Mrs S Bradburne. Tote: £1,740.86; £2.70, £1.30, £7.60. DF: £10.40. Trio: £55.20. CSF: £36.30. Tricast: £1,740.98.

3.45 (3m hdle) 1, **Native Crown** (A Watt, 33-1); 7 Leo (4-5 Fav); 3, C'Arbay Street (9-2). 7 ran. 5l, ¾l. Mrs S Bradburne. Tote: £33.00; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £15.40. CSF: £53.92.

Placepot: £128.60. Quadpot: not won (pool of £47.10 carried forward to Ascot today).

Southwell

Going: standard

12.30 (1m 3f) 1, **Modest Hope** (Mrs D Kettlewell, 10-1); 2, Mr Moriarty (5-4 fav); 3, Beauman (8-1). 9 ran. 2l, 2l. B Richmond. Tote: £11.00; £2.10, £1.10, £3.70. DF: £12.80. Trio: £54.80. CSF: £23.74. Tricast: £106.41.

12.55 (6f) 1, **Dissentor** (G Carter, 12-1); 2, Kira (8-1); 3, Stand Tall (2-1 fav). 12 ran. 3l, 2l. J Glover. Tote: £14.60; £2.20, £2.40, £1.70. DF: £110.10. Trio: £88.80. CSF: £105.76. Tricast: £255.70.

1.20 (1m 3f) 1, **Ajdar** (Miss S Kelleway, 13-2); 2, Calder King (2-1); 3, Comtec's Legend (6-5 fav). 7 ran. NR: Mowlaie. Sh hd, 8l. Miss G Kelleway. Tote: £6.50; £3.20, £1.00. DF: £13.40. CSF: £19.39. Tricast: £23.58.

1.55 (2m) 1, **Eulogy** (T Ashley, 12-1); 2, *Supermodel* (12-1); 3, El Nido (7-4 fav). 13 ran. ¾l, 20l. K Burke. Tote: £11.20; £3.20, £4.00, £1.70. DF: £167.60. Trio: £130.50. CSF: £144.41.

2.25 (6f) 1, **Fairey Firefly** (L Charnock, 10-1); 2, Serious Fact (7-2 fav); 3, My Cherrywell (5-1). 11 ran. ½l, 1¼l. M Camacho. Tote: £17.20; £3.30, £2.20, £2.20. DF: £34.90. Trio: £75.10. CSF: £43.42. Tricast: £183.67.

2.55 (1m 4f) 1, **Celestial Choir** (R Lappin, 6-4 fav); 2, What's The Verdict (6-1); 3, Tartan Gem (7-1). 6 ran. 13l, 5l. J Eyre. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £2.60. DF: £4.50. CSF: £10.21.

3.25 (7f) 1, **First Gold** (S D Williams, 10-1); 2, At The Savoy (11-2); 3, Sense of Priority (5-4 fav). 14 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. J Wharton. Tote: £8.50; £2.30, £3.00, £1.20. DF: £12.10. Trio: £29.80. CSF: £68.73.

3.55 (1m) 1, **Maple Bay** (P Roberts, 3-1 fav); 2, Benjamins Law (6-1); 3, Barrel Of Hope (8-1). 13 ran. 3l, 6l. A Bailey. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £18.20. Trio: £20.20. CSF: £23.06. Tricast: £127.35.

Placepot: £45.80. Quadpot: £19.00.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

12.50 Last But Not Least. 1.25 Miroswaki. 1.55 Never *So Rite. 2.30 Mystery Matthias. 3.00 Masnun.* 3.35 Stalled.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12.50 Miss Pickpocket. 3.35 Captain Marmalade.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M 2F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.50 ANTRIM LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,698: 5f) (5 runners)

1	33-2	DANCING JACK 7 (CD,G) J Bridger 9-0	G Bardwell 1
2	-442	COPPER BRIGHT 4 (B) P Haslam 8-11	J Fortune 5
3	31-3	MISS PICKPOCKET 10 (CD,G) P Kelleway 8-9	M Fenton 3
4	02-3	BOUTON D'OR 4 P Howling 8-6	J Quinn 4
5	034-	LAST BUT NOT LEAST 50 R Johnson Houghton 8-6	J Weaver 2

5-2 Miss Pickpocket, 11-4 Last But Not Least, 3-1 Dancing Jack, 5-1 Copper Bright, 11-2 Bouton D'Or.

1.25 TYRONE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,989: 1m 5f) (18)

1	/06-	DOUBLE JEOPARDY 25 J White 5-9-5	P P Murphy (5) 9
2	50-6	LORD BARNARD 8 C Murray 6-9-5	M Tebbutt 15
3	002-	MIROSWAKI 10J R Akehurst 6-9-5	J Weaver 13
4	5/0-	ROYAL PRINT 42 W Muir 7-9-5	Jean-Pierre Lopez 12
5	06-5	CALLONESCY 246F D O'Brien 4-9-0	G Bardwell 10
6	400-	DISCORSI 147 Miss G Kelleway 4-9-0	A Clark 1
7	0	ELA-MENT 7 B Pearce 4-9-0	S Sanders 2
8		MISS CASHTAL 7J D Thom 5-9-0	M Fenton 4
9	000-	MORE BILLS 45 A Moore 4-9-0	Candy Morris 14
10	4/	ROYAL LEGEND 514 J Pearce 4-9-0	J McLaughlin 16
11		SHY MYSTIC R Hodges 6-9-0	S Drowne (3) 3
12	4-	TANYAR 53 R Hollinshead 4-9-0	T Ives 18
13		*VALISKY 42J R Lee 5-9-0*	*J Fortune 17*
14	060-	CALGARY GIRL 29 P Rachers 4-8-9	N Adams 6
15	0-	FRAISE DU ROI 311 Lord Huntingdon 4-8-9	Aimee Cook (7) 8
16	246-	KYMIN 232 (V) D Murray Smith 4-8-9	J F Egan 7
17	050-	LADY ELIZABETH 100 K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-9	J Quinn 5
18	/00-	MY DUTCH GIRL 63J Miss B Sanders 4-8-9	D Biggs 11

3-1 Miroswaki, 7-2 Kymin, 5-1 Royal Legend, 7-1 Double Jeopardy, 8-1 Discorsi, 10-1 Tanyar.

1.55 ARMAGH HANDICAP (£3,046: 1m 4f) (8)

1	014-	EL VOLADOR 23J (CD,F,G) R C Sullivan 9-10-0	D Griffiths (5) 5
2	2-11	TARTAN GEM 7 (CD,G) M Botham 5-9-11	J Dennis (7) 2
3	050-	ONE OFF THE RAIL 49 (CD,F,G) A Moore 6-9-10	Candy Morris 7
4	104-	SEVENTEENS LUCKY 29 (G) B Jones 4-9-3	M Wigham 1
5	043-	SERIOUS OPTION 44J (F,G) P Cole 5-9-5	C Rutter 8
6	23-0	NO SPEECHES 11 (C,G) S Dow 5-9-4	S Sanders 4
7	64-0	TALENTED TING 9 (F,G) P Haslam 7-8-13	J Fortune 6
8	05-2	NEVER SO RITE 9 (F) D Arbuthnot 4-8-2	J Quinn 3

7-4 Tartan Gem, 11-4 El Volador, 5-1 Never So Rite, 11-2 Serious Option, 10-1 Seventeens Lucky, No Speeches.

2.30 LONDONDERRY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,761: 7f) (8)

1	005-	YOUNG FREDERICK 30 K Burke 9-7	J F Egan 4
2	00-2	RAWI 9 W Muir 9-7	J Weaver 2
3	20-3	GHOSTLY APPARITION 7 J Upson 9-4	D Sweeney (7) 3
4	*605-*	*MYSTERY MATTHIAS 60 (B) Miss B Sanders 8-12*	*S Sanders 6*
5	0-41	CASTLE GOVERNOR 2 (G) P Haslam 8-9 (6ex)	J Fortune 8
6	000-	MISS CAROTTENE 25 (B) M Ryan 8-8	M Baird (5) 5
7	600-	SOVEREIGN PRINCE 25 N Callaghan 8-7	S Drowne (3) 7
8	200-	MERLIN'S HONOUR 102 John Berry 8-1	J Quinn 1

3-1 Ghostly Apparition, 4-1 Rawi, 9-2 Castle Governor, 5-1 Sovereign Prince, 6-1 Miss Carottene, 7-1 Mystery Matthias.

3.00 DOWN CLAIMING STAKES (£3,275: 1m 2f) (14)

1	035-	EARLY PEACE 185 R Hannon 4-9-5	Mark Denaro (7) 12
2	000-	KOMODO 38 K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-5	J Weaver 2
3	04-0	GREENWICH AGAIN 11 (C,F,G) T Mills 4-9-2	J Fortune 3
4	005-	GALLIC VICTORY 29 (F,G) John Berry 5-9-1	M Fenton 1
5	*02-0*	*TRIBAL PEACE 11 (CD,G,S) B Gubby 4-8-10*	*J Stack (3) 10*
6	313-	MASNUN 28 (CD,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 11-8-9	A Clark 5
7	260-	THE LITTLE FERRET 29 (F) A Moore 6-8-9	Candy Morris 6
8		NORTHERN SINGER 58J R Hodges 6-8-6	S Drowne (3) 7
9	/56-	NORTHERN TRIAL 39J (V,G) K Burke 8-8-6	J Tate 9
10	004-	GOOD SO FA 10J (C,G) C Allen 4-8-1	N Adams 14
11	00-6	SWEET DISORDER 9 (F) B Meehan 6-7-12	J Quinn 4
12	04-4	SWYNFORD FLYER 2 (F,G) J A Harris 7-7-12	C Adamson (5) 11
13	300-	THORNIWAMA 322 J Bridger 5-7-12	G Bardwell 8
14	46-2	JOBBER'S FIDDLE 7 (B,F) D Williams 4-7-10	A Mackay 13

3-1 Masnun, 7-2 Early Peace, 9-2 Greenwich Again, Tribal Peace, 5-1 Jobber's Fiddle, 8-1 Gallic Victory, 10-1 The Little Ferret.

3.35 FERMANAGH AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£3,261: 2m) (14)

1	25-1	CUANGO 11 (C,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 5-11-7	M Rimell 13
2	000-	SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 25 (CD,G) S Dow 6-11-5	T McCarthy 2
3	41-3	STALLED 11 (CD,G) P Walwyn 6-11-3	Marchioness Blandford (5) 10
4	630-	WILD STRAWBERRY 50J (F) Miss B Sanders 7-11-2	K Goble (5) 7
5	035-	RETENDER 29 (F,G) J Pearce 7-10-12	Mrs L Pearce 9
6	16-2	COLERIDGE 11 (B,CD) J Sheehan 8-10-12	Miss C Hannaford (7) 6
7	80-2	CAPTAIN MARMALADE 11 (C,F) D Thom 7-10-6	Miss D Jones 8
8	/0-0	PERSIAN HAZE 11 (S) B McMath 7-10-2	Mrs M Morris (5) 3
9	50-4	ROYAL CIRCUS 11 (C,G) P Webber 7-9-12	Mrs S Bosley (3) 12
10	200-	FLASHMAN 59J (D,F,G) B Llewellyn 6-9-11	J L Llewellyn 11
11	600-	ROCK OYSTER 81 (B) B Meehan 4-9-8	Miss J Allison 5
12	00-2	DON'T DROP BOMBS 11 (V,C) D Thom 7-9-7	Miss J Feilden (3) 4
13	6-51	SORISKY 4 (C,G) B Gubby 4-9-7 (4ex)	Mrs M Tagey (5) 14
14	03/	LADY POLY 48J J Poulton 8-9-0	V Lukaniuk (5) 1

7-2 Cuango, 4-1 Stalled, 9-2 Don't Drop Bombs, 6-1 Coleridge, 7-1 Captain Marmalade, 8-1 Wild Strawberry.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Bob Jones, 6 winners from 25 runners, 24.0%; D Murray-Smith, 11 from 52, 21.2%; Lord Huntingdon, 34 from 162, 21.0%; P Cole, 18 from 87, 20.7%; Miss G Kelleway, 9 from 49, 18.4%; N Callaghan, 13 from 75, 17.3%.

JOCKEYS: J Fortune, 4 winners from 13 rides, 30.8%; J Weaver, 49 from 219, 22.4%; Miss Diana Jones, 4 from 20, 20.0%; T Ives, 19 from 107, 17.8%; J F Egan, 3 from 23, 13.0%; G Carter, 17 from 142, 12.0%.

Derrymoyle to act on the Ladbroke going?

(At 7/1, here's mud in your eye.)

THE TENTH LADBROKE
2m H'cap H'dle, Leopardstown, 2.20pm. Live on BBC & Ch 4.

6/1	Jeffell	25/1	Nordic Thorn
7/1	Derrymoyle	25/1	Shaihar
7/1	Sambara	28/1	Crossfarnogue
10/1	Family Way	28/1	Miltonfield
11/1	Gambolling Doc	28/1	Palacegate King
11/1	Kaldan Khan	28/1	Squire Silk
12/1	Dance Beat	40/1	Non Vintage
12/1	Destriero	50/1	Bookcase
14/1	Arctic Weather	50/1	Nemuro
14/1	Bank Statement	50/1	Ring The Alarm
14/1	Chief's Song	66/1	Leggagh Lady
22/1	Reasilvia		

E/W one-quarter the odds a place 1,2,3,4, or Win & Show one-half the odds a place, 1, 2.

These prices may have changed since this newspaper was printed. For the very latest prices, page Ladbrokes Teletext 605/6/7 (Ch4).

FOR INSTANT BETTING FROM 9AM, FREEPHONE
0800 524 524*

*Min total £10 staked 18+ only. Ladbrokes telephone betting rules apply. Prices subject to fluctuation.

Ladbrokes
For a bet, Ladbrokes are favourite.

Saturday portrait: Tim Henman, by Stuart Jones, tennis correspondent

Maturing talent born to carry nation's great expectations

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN

Tony Pickard offered one sliver of optimism. Amid a savage verbal assault on the state of British tennis, which he considered lamentably low, he said that standards could be raised by one individual. He insisted, *though, that the identity of the* person he had in mind must not be revealed.

Pickard explained that one player, by breaking into the top echelons of international tennis, would lift those just below him in the domestic ranks. Their progress would, in turn, encourage those beneath them. He called the *policy, the most expedient solution* to the seemingly endless problems, "the pyramid effect".

He was speaking in Portugal some 20 months ago, a few minutes after another dispiritingly familiar Davis Cup defeat and a *few hours* before he was *to* leave his post as British team captain. Although expansive in his criticism, he argued that the player concerned should not be exposed as a potential saviour.

To avoid any lingering misun*derstanding, however, he agreed* to confirm whether a name written on a piece of paper was indeed that of "the unmentionable one". There was no need. Everyone in the room at the Oporto tennis club knew that he was talking about Tim *Henman, then 19, from Oxford*.

His talent compared to others of a similar age was so strikingly obvious that the supposed cloak of secrecy was translucent. Yet Pickard wanted the youngster to be protected from carrying the *burden of the country's expectations* prematurely.

On reflection, Henman might have been born and bred for the role. In the lower branches of his family tree is a great-grandmother who made an improbable impact at *Wimbledon almost* a century before her descendant gained notoriety for becoming the first competitor to be disqualified from the All-England championships.

Ellen Stawell-Brown was the first woman to serve overarm at Wimbledon, an innovative (and, according to accounts of the time, whimsical) weapon which she used *to* beat Charlotte Cooper, who had already won the tournament five times. Henman's grandfather, Henry Billington, reached the third round of the men's singles in 1948, 1950 and 1951.

Three of Billington's children competed at junior Wimbledon and one of them, Jane, is *Henman's mother. She represent*ed Oxfordshire at tennis and so did his father, Tony, who also played hockey, squash and cricket for the county. He wore the colours of Headington United, too, before the club evolved into Oxford United and attained League status.

Henman himself picked up a racket at the age of three and had *decided within a couple of years to* pursue a sport which plainly runs through the family blood. The line would otherwise have been broken. His two elder brothers possessed neither the aptitude nor the inclination.

> 'His ability was so strikingly obvious, the cloak of secrecy was translucent'

Henman's future was threatened *almost as soon as it had* begun to take shape. He damaged an elbow at the age of 11 and was forced out of competitive action for 18 months. His career was in similar danger in 1993, a year after he turned professional.

As he changed direction in the forecourt during a match against a compatriot, Chris Wilkinson, his leg snapped in three places just above the ankle. Recovery took six months and three pins inserted then are in still place. Neverthe*less, the injury did have one* significant compensation.

The national junior champion in 1992, Henman had all the shots. Some said he had too many and, when he came to the net, was confused by the wealth of his options. But he did not carry the weight of shot. In a profession populated by muscular giants, he stood tall (6ft 1in) but was considered too slender.

While he was inactive, he put on much-needed pounds. "That's home cooking for you," his mother confided during the journey from Vienna to Bratislava for a Davis Cup tie in the Czech Republic. Although her son featured in the *predictably heavy defeat on* clay, the benefit was about to be recognised.

The change was noticed by Jeremy Bates, the most regular of his doubles partners, at last year's US Open as Henman came of age. Still so youthful in appearance that he was taken by several onlookers for a schoolboy, he came through *the qualifying competition* and reached the second round.

Not only his game had developed. While he had formerly been shy and awkward in media circles, he learnt to respond amicably to disparaging comments. A critic of *his habit of exchanging "high* fives" in doubles, for instance, has since been customarily greeted with the practice.

Henman's maturity was perceptible in the immediate aftermath of the infamous incident at Wimble*don last year. Knocked out of the* singles by Pete Sampras, he and Bates were defaulted from the doubles after a ball he hit in a fit of pique inadvertently struck a ball girl.

The match was the last to be *completed* that day and, in the twilight, the grounds of the All-England Club were virtually deserted. Correspondents, alerted to the news after they had left, were initially reluctant to return for a purpose which defied belief and *reason*.

In a poll, the mild-mannered Henman would have been perhaps the least likely to earn the unprecedented penalty. He would have been high on the list, though, of those who would be suitably *contrite and dignified during* a crowded press conference. In the most unlikely fashion, "the unmentionable one" had gained worldwide recognition.

Pickard had proclaimed that Henman, during a tour around the Far East towards the close of 1994, had to infiltrate the world's top 100. "Then we will know whether or not he's going to make it." The broken leg delayed the breakthrough by a year. Henman won a challenge tournament in *Seoul last October, reached the* semi-final of another in Peking and claimed a second title on the island of Réunion.

In the middle of the hectic and profitable schedule, he beat Greg Rusedski in the final of the *national* championships after yielding the opening set in little more than 20 minutes.

During an unbeaten sequence of 21 matches, he collected enough points to climb to No 95 in the world rankings. The immediate *reward was, for the first time,* to gain entry into the main draw of a grand slam event, the Australian Open, which starts in Melbourne on Monday. Progress will be difficult, however; he is due to meet Petr Korda, the big hitter from *the Czech Republic*.

During his build-up this week, he defeated Mark Philippoussis, to whom the Australians are looking for their future. Coached by David Felgate, the manager of the men's national training department, Henman has already established himself as Britain's finest home-grown player and poses a serious threat to Rusedski's pre-eminence in his adopted country.

If Pickard's theory is correct, the rivals are conveniently sharing the *responsibility of elevating domestic* tennis.

They share the same self-belief, though Rusedski has aggravated his peers with his arrogance. Henman, in spite of his aberration at Wimbledon, is perceived as a gentleman, on and off the court.

A closing word of caution, however. If he offers to play golf for even a menial amount of money, turn down the invitation. Without either formal training or practice, and claiming to have no *official handicap, he recently* went round the East Sussex course in four over par.

Rusedski beaten, page 42

THE TIMES MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

BOLTON v WIMBLEDON

Bolton are getting desperate. Already tailed off at the bottom of the Premiership, they have now signed Enzo Gambaro, 29, a defender from AC Milan, on a month's loan. Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, will be *without Gambaro this afternoon, as his* international clearance has not come through, and is also missing Fairclough and Taggart, who begin suspensions. Jones, of Wimbledon, sits on the sidelines, too, the hard-done-by victim of a four-match ban. When will he learn?

LAST SEASON: No fixture.
TEN-YEAR RECORD: No fixtures.

How they line up

BOLTON WANDERERS *(from)*: K Branagan, S Green, J Phillips, A Stubbs, R Sneekes, S Curcic, S Sellars, J McGinlay, N Blake, G Bergsson, A Todd, S McAnespie, W Burnett, D Lee, A Davison

WIMBLEDON (from): N Sullivan, K Cunningham, A Kimble, C Perry, A Reeves, A Pearce, R Earle, O Leonhardsen, J Goodman, M Gayle, D Holdsworth, E Ekoku, *J Euell, M Harford, A Thorn, S Talboys.*

EVERTON v CHELSEA

Chelsea's form is almost the stuff of titles — one defeat in nine league matches — much to the smug delight of Messrs Bates and Harding. Kharine, however, is doubtful today, probably suffering from Howler *Syndrome after his FA Cup display against* Newcastle. Actually, it is a groin injury — just where Chelsea felt they had been kicked after Ferdinand's injury-time equaliser. Ferguson, Everton's boy from Barlinnie, may not make it, either. He is hamstrung at present, with Amokachi ready to step in to the breach.

LAST SEASON: Everton 3 Chelsea 3.
TEN-YEAR RECORD: 1-1, 2-2, 4-1, —, 0-1, 2-2, 2-1, 0-1, 4-2, 3-3.

How they line up

EVERTON *(from)*: *N Southall, M Jackson, R Unsworth, C Short,* G Ablett, A Kanchelskis, B Horne, J Ebbrell, A Limpar, G Stuart, P Rideout, D Amokachi, A Hinchcliffe, J Kearton.

CHELSEA (from): D Kharine, K Hitchcock, N Colgan, M Duberry, D Lee, A Myers, D Petrescu, A Clarke, E Newton, D Wise, T Phelan, R Gullit, G *Peacock, J Spencer, M Hughes, P Furlong.*

LEEDS v WEST HAM

Howard Wilkinson is a shrewd cookie but the signing of his former striker, Lee Chapman, 36, from Ipswich Town, takes a bit of believing. With a trio of forwards — Yeboah, Masinga and Deane — unavailable, Sgt Wilko decided to *get some* in from Portman Road, where Chapman has lain dormant for some time. Surely there was somebody better, anywhere? Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, has selection problems, too, with Breacker, Harkes and Brown missing from the defence. Dour game in prospect.

LAST SEASON: Leeds United 2 West Ham United 2.
TEN-YEAR RECORD: —, —, —, —, 3-2, —, 0-0, —, 1-0, 2-2.

How they line up

LEEDS UNITED *(from)*: *M Beeney, G Kelly, C Palmer,* D Wetherall, R Jobson, A Dorigo, M Ford, T Brolin, G McAllister, G Speed, R Wallace, L Chapman, A Couzens, N Worthington, M Tinkler, J Lukic.

WEST HAM UNITED (from): L Miklosko, S Potts, J Dicks, M Rieper, D Williamson, R Slater, J Moncur, I Bishop, M Hughes, *I Dowie,* A Cottee, *K Rowland, S Lazarides, C Whyte, P Shilton.*

MANCHESTER UNITED v ASTON VILLA

Old Trafford supporters will breathe a collective sigh of relief this afternoon, with Schmeichel reinstalled between the sticks at the expense of the rarely used yet clearly fragile Pilkington. Scholes, United's leading scorer, should also return while Cole goes for the previously unimaginable — a goal in five successive league matches. Villa are missing Yorke, who is on duty for Trinidad and Tobago against the United States in the Concacaf Cup tomorrow, but the Johnson-Milosevic tandem will still pose problems.

LAST SEASON: *Manchester United 1 Aston Villa 0.*
TEN-YEAR RECORD: 4-0, 3-1, —, 1-1, 2-0, 1-1, 1-0, 1-1, 3-1, 1-0.

How they line up

MANCHESTER UNITED (from): P Schmeichel, G Neville, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin, R Keane, N Butt, P Scholes, R Giggs, E Cantona, A Cole, B McClair, P Neville, L Sharpe, K Pilkington.

ASTON VILLA (from): M Bosnich, G Charles, U Ehiogu, G Southgate, P McGrath, A Wright, I Taylor, A Townsend, M Draper, S Milosevic, R *Scimeca, N Spink, L Hendrie, G Farrelly, F Carr.*

MIDDLESBROUGH v ARSENAL

Handbags at Highbury? Surely shome mishtake? Arsenal might be having a lean time of things in the Premiership — only one win in eight attempts — but the Coca-Cola Cup victory over Newcastle showed their true, fighting spirit. Even Bruce Rioch, mild-mannered manager, got in on the act when Terry McDermott, Kevin Keegan's assistant, suggested that his playing record was not exactly spotless. With Bould and Winterburn unavailable, McGowan, 19, could get the nod ahead of Morrow.

LAST SEASON: No fixture.
TEN-YEAR RECORD: —, —, —, 0-1, —, —, —, 1-0, —, —.

How they line up

MIDDLESBROUGH (from): G Walsh, C Liddle, N Pearson, S Vickers, P Whelan, B Robson, J Pollock, P Stamp, Juninho, N Barmby, P Wilkinson, J A Fjortoft, C Blackmore, A Moore, J Moreno.

ARSENAL (from): D Seaman, L Dixon, A Adams, M Keown, S Morrow, G McGowan, J Jensen, P Merson, D Platt, D Bergkamp, I Wright, G Helder, P Dickov, A Clarke, V Bertram.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST v SOUTHAMPTON

Two Premiership victories in nine attempts, plus a fortunate 1-1 FA Cup draw against Stoke City, does not constitute the best of form for England's sole survivors in Europe. Forest must rediscover their resilient touch of old if they are to trouble Bayern Munich in the Uefa Cup. Southampton soldier on — without a league win in six outings, though five have been drawn — but will have taken heart from the 3-0 Cup success over Portsmouth. With the hated Pompey humiliated, who cares about Premiership survival?

LAST SEASON: Nottingham Forest 3 Southampton 0.
TEN-YEAR RECORD: 2-1, 0-0, 3-3, 3-0, 2-0, 3-1, 1-3, 1-2, —, 3-0.

How they line up

NOTTM FOREST (from): M Crossley, D Lyttle, S Pearce, C Cooper, S Chettle, C Bart-Williams, S Stone, A Gemmill, B Roy, K Campbell, I Woan, A I Haaland, D Phillips, P McGregor, A Silenzi, S Howe, A Fettis.

SOUTHAMPTON (from): D Beasant, A Neilson, S Charlton, J Dodd, K Monkou, J Magilton, B Venison, M Le Tissier, N Shipperley, G Watson, N Heaney, N Maddison, M Oakley, F Bennett, B Grobbelaar.

BLACKBURN v QPR

Blackburn are still suffering from severe travel sickness, with Ray Harford unable to find a cure. Even the welcome distraction of an FA Cup trip to Ipswich last week failed to change their fortunes, a 0-0 draw at least giving them a second chance. Batty and Bohinen return today, which should give the Rovers midfield more shape. Rangers are just grateful for any points, home or away, and will be looking to end a run of three successive Premiership defeats. Ray Wilkins's jobs for the boys policy is admirable yet proving costly.

LAST SEASON: Queens Park Rangers 0 Blackburn Rovers 1.
10-YEAR RECORD: —, —, —, —, —, —, —, 0-3, 1-0, 0-1.

How they line up

QPR (from): J Sommer, D Bardsley, A McDonald, K Ready, D Maddix, T Sinclair, R Wilkins, N Quashie, A Impey, B Allen, M Hateley, D Dichio, A Roberts, M Brazier, T Challis, G Goodridge, I Holloway, S Yates.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (from): T Flowers, H Berg, C Hendry, C Coleman, J Kenna, S Ripley, T Sherwood, W McKinlay, K Gallacher, A Shearer, M Newell, R Mimms, N Marker, M Holmes, D Batty, L Bohinen.

SHEFFIELD WED v LIVERPOOL

Wednesday will entertain until the cows come home, especially now the Yugoslavs, Kovasevic and Stefanovic, have joined David Pleat's Hillsborough road show. Trouble is, Liverpool are in the mood to take them apart this afternoon, with Fowler on fire and Collymore concentrating on goals not pay packets. Roy Evans has to make two enforced changes, with Harkness and Wright ruled out by suspension, but the return of Ruddock and Babb will give Wednesday little respite.

LAST SEASON: Sheffield Wednesday 1 Liverpool 2.
TEN-YEAR RECORD: 0-0, 0-1, 1-5, 2-2, 2-0, —, 0-0, 1-1, 3-1, 1-2.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (from): K Pressman, I Nolan, L Briscoe, D Walker, P Atherton, S Nicol, C Waddle, M Degryse, G Whittingham, D Hirst, M Bright, J Watts, G Hyde, A Sinton, D Kovacevic, D Stefanovic.

LIVERPOOL (from): D James, R Jones, J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb, J McAteer, S McManaman, M Thomas, J Barnes, R Fowler, S Collymore, I Rush, D Matteo, S Pears.

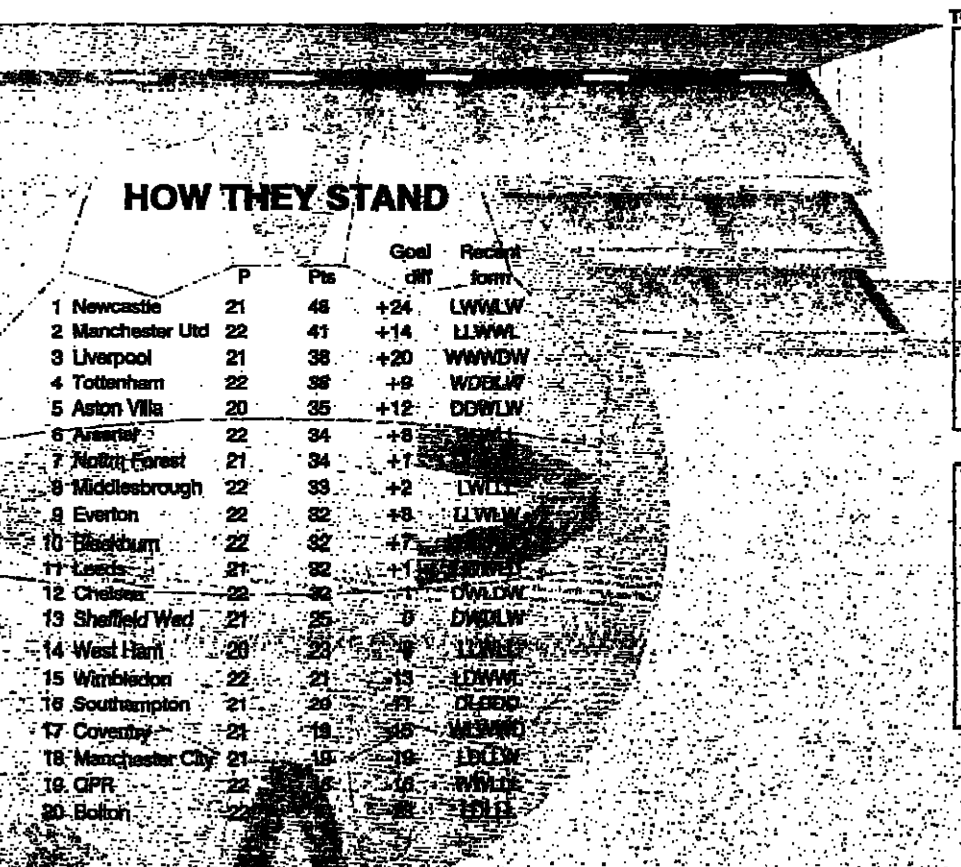
TOTENHAM v MANCHESTER CITY

What a difference a few days makes. On the Monday, with *Premiership* points at stake, Tottenham put one over Manchester United 4-1 at wonderful White Hart Lane; on the Saturday, in the FA Cup third round, Tottenham struggled to contain a spirited yet limited Hereford United side on a cowpatch of a pitch at Edgar Street. Yesterday, Tottenham were prematurely eliminated from the Uefa Cup next season by virtue of them having not taken the Inter-Twobob Cup seriously during the summer. What cometh today?

LAST SEASON: Tottenham Hotspur 2 Manchester City 1.
TEN-YEAR RECORD: 0-2, 1-0, —, —, 1-1, 3-1, 0-1, 3-1, 1-0, 2-1.

TOTTENHAM *(from): I Walker, D Austin, J Edinburgh,* S Nethercott, G Mabbutt, D Caskey, J Dozzell, S Campbell, R Rosenthal, E Sheringham, C Armstrong, G McMahon, C Wilson, I Dumitrescu, S Slade.

MANCHESTER CITY (from): E Immel, A Coton, I Brightwell, K Symons, K Curle, A Kernaghan, R Ingram, N Summerbee, G Kinkladze, M Brown, N Quinn, U Rösler, G Creaney, R Ekelund.



HOW THEY STAND

	P	Pts	Goal diff	Recent form
1 Newcastle	21	46	+24	LWWLW
2 Manchester Utd	22	41	+14	LLWWL
3 Liverpool	21	38	+20	WWWDW
4 Tottenham	22	36	+9	WDDLW
5 Aston Villa	20	35	+12	DDWLW
6 Arsenal	22	34	+8	[illegible]
7 Nottm Forest	21	34	+1	[illegible]
8 Middlesbrough	22	33	+2	[illegible]
9 Everton	22	32	+8	LLWLW
10 Blackburn	22	32	+7	[illegible]
11 Leeds	21	32	+1	[illegible]
12 Chelsea	22	32	-1	DWLDW
13 Sheffield Wed	21	25	[illegible]	DWDLW
14 West Ham	20	23	[illegible]	[illegible]
15 Wimbledon	22	21	-13	LDWWL
16 Southampton	21	20	-11	DLDDD
17 Coventry	21	19	-15	[illegible]
18 Manchester City	21	19	-19	LDDLW
19 QPR	22	[illegible]	-16	WWLDL
20 Bolton	22	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TOMORROW

COVENTRY v NEWCASTLE

Is there the merest hint of a crack appearing in the armour of the Premiership champions elect? Was the errant elbow of Ginola, at Highbury on Wednesday, a sign of frustrations building up not only within the Frenchman but also the whole team. Kevin Keegan, having already turned up his nose at the England job, should get a hint or two at Highfield Road this afternoon. Beat Coventry handsomely and they are back on track; draw scrappily or lose unhappily, and the Doubting Thomases will crow in unison.

LAST SEASON: Coventry City 0 Newcastle United 0.
TEN-YEAR RECORD: 1-2, 3-0, 1-3, 1-2, —, —, —, —, 2-1, 0-0.

How they line up

COVENTRY CITY (from): S Ogrizovic, R Shaw, D Busst, D Rennie, P Williams, M Hall, P Telfer, K Richardson, W Boland, N Whelan, A Pickering, J Salako, D Dublin, N Lamptey, J Filan.

NEWCASTLE UNITED *(from)*: *P Srnicek, S Hislop,* W Barton, J Beresford, D Peacock, P Albert, S Watson, L Clark, D Ginola, L Ferdinand, P Beardsley, R Elliott, P Kitson, M Hottiger.

WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

Today

10.45pm BBC 1 Match of the Day (highlights)

Tomorrow

12 noon Sky Sports Goals on Sunday

3.00pm Ford Escort Super Sunday
Coventry City v *Newcastle* (live)

Compiled by Russell Kempson, Julian Desborough

هكذا من الأصل

Duberry's style and assurance provide convincing defence

Duberry: rare qualities

Alyson Rudd on the rapid rise of a young English player who is proving the critics wrong at Chelsea

TELEVISION shows tend to take the "quiz" out of phone-in quizzes, with either-ors as taxing as: Was Bobby Moore captain of a) England or b) Iraq?

Another might be: Who has just turned Chelsea into a defensively assured, continental-style passing side; a) Ruud Gullit or b) Michael Duberry? However, this question would require serious consideration.

"Chelsea are doing OK at the moment and Michael is one of the reasons," Peter Shreeves, the Chelsea assistant manager, said. After Chelsea's impressive display against Newcastle United in the FA Cup third round, Alan Hansen called Duberry the new Bobby Moore. Yet, two months ago, nobody had heard of him.

Duberry, born in Enfield, is that increasingly rare commodity: a player who starts his footballing life as a Premiership trainee and makes his mark with the same club. No, he is rarer than that, for Duberry was a success in his early teens because he was tall, quick and strong. Such players normally fade from view as their contemporaries add a couple of growth spurts to their ball skills. Duberry, however, still looks stronger than most and is as astute a defender as can be found in the Premiership.

It could still go wrong. Duberry is just 20 and has played only a dozen first-team games. Not surprisingly, Glenn Hoddle, his manager, is keeping him away from the media spotlight. "Some youngsters think they've arrived when they reach the first team," Hoddle said, "but I've sat down with Michael and told him that the hard work has only just started."

Shreeves believes that Duberry can handle the praise. "The boy doesn't seem a Charley Bigtime," he said. "He seems a sensible, solid lad." Indeed, Duberry is still homely enough to ask, after Chelsea's Premiership game at Highbury last month, if he could take the Tube home with his mother.

Duberry lives in Tottenham but was persuaded to sign for Chelsea at 13. He captained the youth side and looked an impressive right back. He moved up to the reserves and made his senior debut last season against Coventry City. Ndlovu dazzled, Duberry did not, and another first-team chance seemed years off.

When, at the start of this season, Mel Machin, the Bournemouth manager, asked Shreeves if he could borrow a defender, Duberry seemed the obvious choice. He played for six weeks at Dean Court, improving Bournemouth's goal difference with every performance and then, in November, he was suddenly recalled as Chelsea's defence struggled against injuries and suspension. Duberry had learnt his lesson. He took Elland Road, Yeboah and Deane in his stride, and immediately caught the eye. He has been selected and saluted ever since.

Shreeves said: "We have to be honest, we thought he needed another season, but that's how doors open. If you told me at the start of the season that my back three would be Duberry, Lee and Myers, I wouldn't have believed it."

It is probably because he is playing alongside Lee and Myers that Duberry has been so at ease. They all emerged through the Chelsea youth scheme and played together frequently in the reserves. They have a camaraderie and have proved so successful that Lee kept his place as sweeper even when Gullit returned from injury.

Frank Sinclair's return to fitness is the main threat to Duberry's position, but Hoddle will not want to meddle with a back line that has become the most important piece in the jigsaw of his passing-football plan. It has been a long time coming, but the pundits are drooling and Chelsea will not be outclassed at St James' Park in the Cup replay next week.

To try to keep Duberry's head a modest hat size, Hoddle and Shreeves stressed that he still needs to improve his ball control and to learn how to become part of Chelsea's attacking options. His performance against Newcastle, however, when he subdued Ferdinand and found space and time to venture forward with a Baresi-style nonchalance, indicates that the Chelsea coaches will not have too many problems in that department.

Gullit might not think English-born players can cut it abroad, but the most continental aspect about Chelsea right now is not necessarily provided by a Dutchman.

Tottenham suffer consequences of Uefa retaliation

By Russell Kempson and David Maddock

TOTTENHAM Hotspur and Wimbledon have been suspended from European competition for a season after their failure to take seriously the Intertoto Cup last summer. The ban was imposed by Uefa, football's governing body in Europe, and will remain active for five years. It covers the European Cup Champions' League, the Cup Winners' Cup and the Uefa Cup.

Reaction from the clubs and the Football Association was swift. With Tottenham and Wimbledon giving notice of their appeals, the FA pledged its full support. "The news came as a complete surprise to us," Steve Double, a spokesman for the FA, said. "Lawyers are already being consulted."

Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, remained typically bullish. "There must be a very big misunderstanding and I'm sure it will be cleared up very shortly. We entered the Intertoto Cup by way of a favour to the FA and FA Premier League and received permission from them to play weaker teams and even to use players from other clubs and to also play at other clubs' stadiums.

"I believe we even confirmed this in writing and also received an assurance by telephone from Uefa that nothing would happen if we proceeded on that basis. Therefore, the wires have been crossed somewhere and I'm sure it will be resolved."

The Intertoto Cup was the brainchild of Uefa and, not surprisingly, it was linked to substantial television revenue. It was to take place during June, July and August, with the semi-finalists earning an automatic place in the Uefa Cup the following season.

At first, the FA Carling Premiership clubs were enthusiastic. When the day of acceptance arrived, though, there were no takers. Eventually, the FA had to offer financial incentives for the clubs to compete, with Tottenham, Wimbledon and Sheffield Wednesday, reluctantly, accepting.

However, with Tottenham and Wimbledon fielding almost unrecognisable line-ups, and bowing out of the competition at the group stage, Uefa retaliated by, first, witholding any payment to the clubs' for their participation.

Then, more recently, they reduced by one the number of English clubs who can qualify for the Uefa Cup next season. Now, the five-season suspension. "It is, in effect, Uefa's third ban," Double said.

Tottenham last played in Europe in 1992, in the Cup Winners' Cup. Wimbledon were denied their only chance to date, in the Cup Winners' Cup, because English clubs were still banned from Europe when the London side won the FA Cup in 1988.

If either club were to qualify for Europe in any way in the next five years, the one-year suspension will come into force and then be deemed to have been served. However, the FA is to seek clarification over possible anomalies. If either club should win the FA Cup, and thus invoke the ban, will the losing finalists be allowed into Europe in their place?

If Tottenham, as is possible, finish high in the Premiership and qualify for a Uefa Cup place, but are banned, will they be replaced by the club immediately below them?

Although Wednesday, the third English representatives, fielded more competitive sides in the Intertoto, Uefa confirmed yesterday that they had been reprimanded by the control and disciplinary committee for a "less serious infringement".

Manchester United have been found guilty, by an FA disciplinary hearing, of a breach of the rules regarding their acquisition from Arsenal of the teenager, Matthew Wicks.

United, however, escaped a "substantial fine" — in the region of £200,000 — because the player has since returned to Highbury.

The clubs reached a compromise when Wicks, the son of Steve Wicks, the former Queens Park Rangers and Chelsea defender, became unhappy at Old Trafford.

An FA spokesman said last night: "We take this matter very seriously and United were facing a substantial fine but, because the compromise has been reached, no further action will be taken, apart from United paying the costs of the hearing."

Manchester City have agreed a £400,000 fee with Sunderland for Tony Coton, their unsettled goalkeeper. However, the clubs are still negotiating over the method of payment.

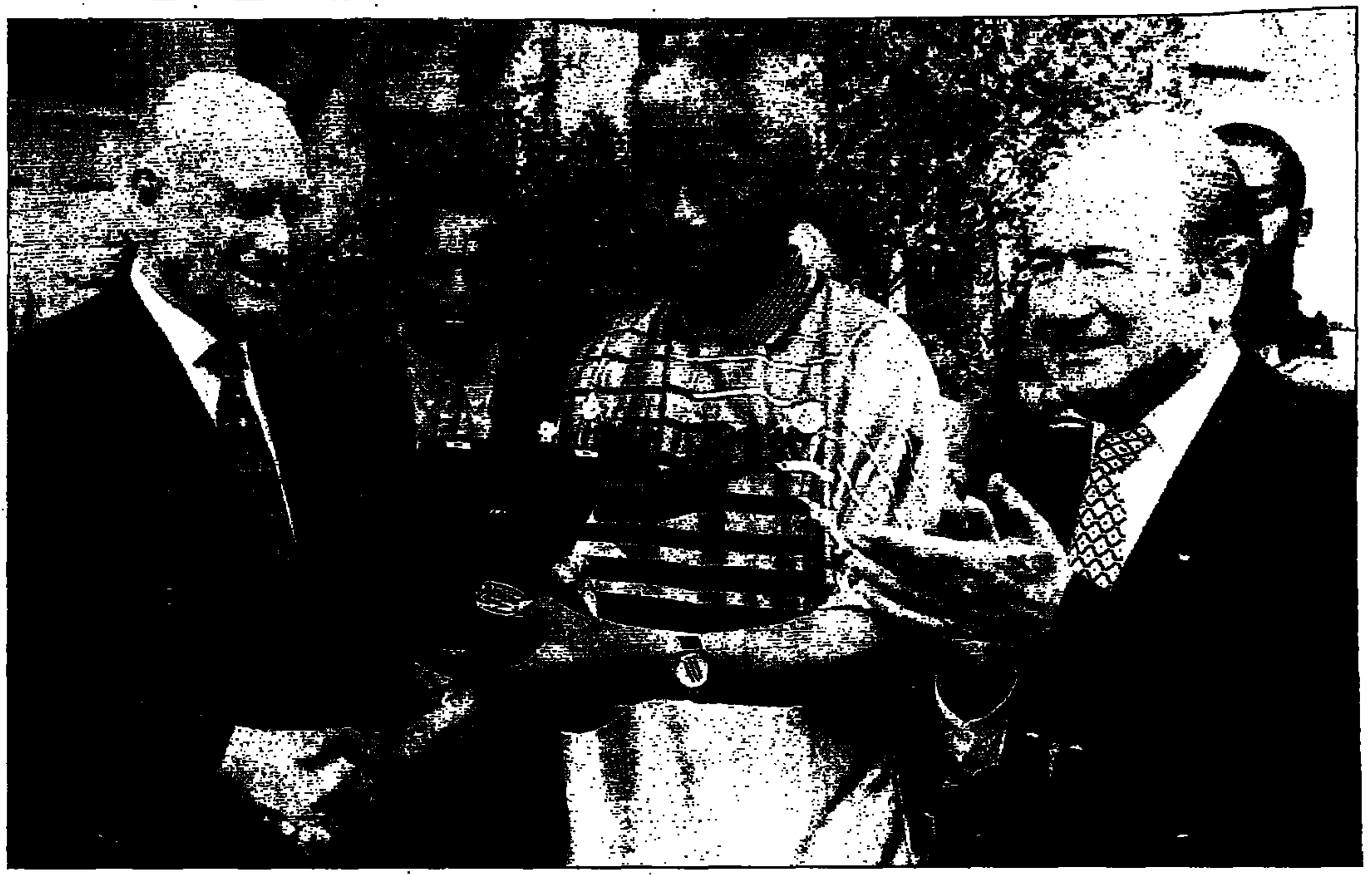
Ginola lifts Newcastle with pledge to stay

NEWCASTLE United's fears that David Ginola's treatment at Highbury on Wednesday would persuade him to leave England were dismissed yesterday (Peter Ball writes). "I'm staying with Newcastle United," Ginola insisted. "I wasn't happy about what happened at Arsenal, but what is worrying me most is my forthcoming suspension."

With Ginola facing a three-match suspension in two weeks' time, and Gillespie injured, Newcastle are reaching a testing stage of the season. They face a replay with Chelsea in the FA Cup after tomorrow's FA Carling Premiership match at Coventry City. By then their lead could be down to four points.

"I'm concerned about the lack of invention away from home. At times we look ordinary, but I know we can put it right," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said.

"But there's a danger of getting sucked into thinking that we are having a really bad time. Yet we are seven points clear on top of the Premiership. If we are having a bad time, what about the rest?" Manchester United have taken only nine points from their last eight games, so Keegan's case rests.


Havelange, left, presents the Fifa gold award to President Mandela, while Blatter, right, the governing body's general secretary, applauds

Mandela grasps the power of football

Rob Hughes on a tale of two presidents at the launch of the African Nations Cup

The handshake of Nelson Mandela is unique. It is more of a wrist-grip that does not let go, a symbol of the remarkable way South Africa has moved — and is still moving — from the black hole to the cradle of the sporting world.

This weekend it is football that feels Mandela's grip, after the inspirational blessings bestowed on rugby and cricket. Specifically, Neil Tovey, who happens to be the white captain of the predominantly black South African sport of football, is the man who has felt his president's warmth.

Yesterday, at an elegant hotel on the outskirts of Johannesburg, he was led down the steps by his president, the wrist-grip firmly and relentlessly applied. This leader, who has a symbol for everything, was wearing a replica of the No 9 shirt that Tovey will wear as he leads his nation at the First National Bank stadium this afternoon.

South Africa will play Cameroon in the first match of the 16-country African Nations Cup. It will then be for this resurgent sporting land to add football to the sports that have been fully embraced since the end of apartheid.

At the hotel it was happy hour, in contrast to what had been hostile hour in another Johannesburg establishment.

Another president, Fifa's Joaõ Havelange, who has never mastered Mandela's humility and never reflected the man's joy in sport, had stonewalled at a press conference at which African journalists accused him of using South Africa in particular, and the African continent in general, as a political means of trying to secure votes towards his own re-election.

If any of the footballers we are about to see in this tournament can sidestep and dodge the tackles with as much dexterity as Havelange employs to ignore pointed questions and accusations, then we are in for athleticism of the highest calibre.

He did not deny anything; he merely declined to understand. We did learn that when Havelange visited Nigeria in November, as nine dissidents were being executed, he had given succour to the military regime by promising something he could not deliver — a world youth tournament long-pledged to Malaysia.

Havelange was voted down by his own Fifa executive. Nevertheless, he felt able to try to persuade Nigeria, the African champions, to reverse their decision not to defend their title here. In the words of Fifa yesterday, Nigeria's only excuse is that they fear adequate safety could not be assured in South Africa after Mandela had called for international sanctions against their country.

> 'He promised something that he could not deliver'

Nigeria are not due to play until tomorrow, the door is still open and the team are apparently still in camp, wishing and hoping to be allowed the freedom of sporting expression. If Nigeria fail to play, they will be suspended from all competitions, including the next World Cup.

Nigeria is not alone in troubles affecting football; Cameroon are also in disarray. Again politics impinges on sport, the Cameroon sports minister having dispensed with the Football Federation's executive a few months ago. Sierra Leone is in the midst of a threat by players to strike rather than perform here. The spirit of the game is, however, strong in Zambia, which has qualified for these finals from 51 competing nations despite having to find an entirely new team after the air disaster of three years' ago.

Africa has the world's leading player of 1995, George Weah, not only leading Liberia, but paying from his own pocket for players scattered all across Europe to travel to qualifying matches. Today is the kick-off; yesterday was the hour when Mandela mellowed the harshness of Havelange. They met in the same grounds where Mandela greeted his footballers. Havelange presented Mandela with Fifa's gold award, and then confirmed his pledge to use his position to assert that 2006 should be Africa's year to stage the World Cup.

He stated that South Africa was the one country in Africa that could stage such a tournament, and invited Mandela to give his full support to the idea. The smile on Mandela's face was broad as he responded: "That support I give without reservation."

Mandela said something else: "The tournament we have now is proof of the backing Fifa gave to South Africa during the period of isolation. The really significant achievement we could have is of this cup bringing African nations closer together."

His own nation starts the competition today, playing with the pride and the belief of having drawn against Germany and Argentina during a 15-month unbeaten run that the players claim coincides with the personal backing they have received from the new government.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 87 Toronto 79; Detroit 95 Charlotte 93; Indiana 96 Milwaukee 88; Phoenix 111 Golden State 106, Los Angeles Clippers 109 Minnesota 89

EUROPEAN CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Group A: Olympique d'Antibes (Fr) 88 Iraklis Salonika 65, Ulkerspor (Tur) 87 Benetton Treviso (It) 83; Olympiakos (Gr) 72 CSKA (Russ) 78, Bayer Leverkusen 89 Unicaja Malaga 94. Group B: Maccabi Tel Aviv 75 Real Madrid 77; Buckler Bologna 95 Cibona Zagreb 73.

CRICKET

PERTH (World Series Cup: Australia won toss): *Australia beat Sri Lanka by 83 runs*

AUSTRALIA

*M A Taylor c sub b Jayasuriya	85
M E Waugh run out	130
R T Ponting b Jayasuriya	11
S R Waugh b Vaas	11
S G Law run out	9
M G Bevan not out	1
†I A Healy c Jayasuriya b Vaas	0
Extras (lb 8, w 9, nb 2)	19
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	266

P R Reiffel, S K Warne, C J McDermott and G D McGrath did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-189, 2-209, 3-251, 4-259, 5-266, 6-266

BOWLING: Vaas 10-1-33-2; Pushpakumara 8-0-41-0; Wickremasinghe 9-0-60-0; Dharmasena 10-0-51-0; de Silva 1-0-7-0; Kalpage 2-0-18-0; Jayasuriya 10-0-48-2.

SRI LANKA

S T Jayasuriya c Healy b Law	27
R S Kaluwitharana c Ponting b McGrath	20
A P Gurusinha b McDermott	45
*P A de Silva lbw b Law	0
R S Mahanama c Healy b Reiffel	3
H P Tillekeratne not out	58
R S Kalpage c Bevan b McDermott	1
H D P K Dharmasena run out	2
W P U J C Vaas st Healy b Warne	10
G P Wickremasinghe run out	2
K R Pushpakumara not out	1
Extras (lb 8, w 5, nb 1)	14
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	183

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-56, 3-56, 4-67, 5-138, 6-142, 7-151, 8-172, 9-175

BOWLING: McDermott 10-0-39-2; McGrath 8-1-22-1; Law 10-0-30-2; Reiffel 9-2-25-1; Warne 10-0-45-1; S R Waugh 3-0-14-0.

Umpires: D Harr and P Parker.

Table

	P	W	L	Pts
Australia	7	5	2	10
West Indies	7	3	4	6
Sri Lanka	6	2	4	4

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Adelaide: South Australia 348-7 (P Nobes 121, J Siddons 110) v New South Wales. Hobart: Victoria 275 (I Harvey 85, D Jones 53; J Marquet 4-63); Tasmania 17-1.

PAKISTAN WORLD CUP SQUAD: Wasim Akram (captain), Aamir Sohail, Saeed Anwar, Ijaz Ahmed (Sr), Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Ramiz Raja, Rashid Latif, Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed, Ataur Rehman, Mushtaq Ahmed, Saqlain Mushtaq. Reserves: Moin Khan, Mohammad Akram, Salim Elahi, Shahid Anwar.

FOOTBALL

CONCACAF GOLD CUP: Group A (San Diego): Mexico 5 St Vincent and the Grenadines 0.

GOLF

ORLANDO: LPGA Tournament of Champions: First round (US unless stated): 67: L Neumann (Swe). 68: M Nause. 69: M McGeorge, E King. 70: B Thomas, P Sheehan. 71: K Webb, L Kiggens. 72: C Johnson, T Green, D Eggeling, L Davies (GB), A Nicholas (GB)

SAN ROQUE, Spain: Apollo Challenge tournament (GB and Ire unless stated): 71: S Webster. 74: P Harrington, G Clark. 75: P Sjoland (Swe). 76: M Welch, S Gallacher, T Gogele (Ger).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston 7 Anaheim 2; San Jose 2 New Jersey 1; St Louis 4 Philadelphia 4 (OT); Washington 6 Ottawa 1; New York Islanders 4 Toronto 3.

MOTOR RALLYING

GRANADA TO DAKAR RALLY: Twelfth stage (Kiffa to Kayes, 275km): Cars: 1, P Wambergue (Fr, Citroën) 3hr 00min 45sec; 2, J-P Fontenay (Fr, Mitsubishi) at 8min 21sec; 3, P Lartigue (Fr, Citroën) at 15:03; 4, A Vatanen (Fin, Citroën) at 15:39; 5, S Servia (Sp, Citroën) at 17:34. Overall positions: 1, Lartigue 54hr 36min 03sec; 2, Wambergue at 1:07:55; 3, Fontenay at 1:43:20

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: European Open: Final qualifying round (England unless stated): N Foulds bt T Murphy (N Ire) 5-4; J Swail (N Ire) bt M Bennett (Wales) 5-0; J Johnson bt G Wilkinson 5-1; A Davies (Wales) bt M Price 5-1; K Payne bt A Hamilton 5-2; I Brumby bt A Robidoux (Can) 5-3; M Campbell (Scot) bt W Thorne 5-4; C Scanlon bt B Morgan 5-3; D Finbow bt D Reynolds 5-2; L Fernandez bt M Clark 5-0; D Taylor (N Ire) bt M Johnston-Allen 5-2; S James bt J Prince (N Ire) 5-4; T Chappel (Wales) bt J Ferguson 5-1; S Lee bt D O'Kane (NZ) 5-3; M Williams (Wales) bt A Knowles 5-2; A Hicks bt J Herbert (Wales) 5-3.

SQUASH

EDGBASTON PRIORY, Birmingham: OM national championships: Men: First round (Eng unless stated): P Nicol (Scot) bt H Sliff 9-2, 9-2, 9-4; C Clare bt M Gregory 9-2, 9-0, 9-4; M Cairns bt J Dale 9-5, 9-7, 9-2; C Tomlinson bt P Hargrave 9-10, 9-3, 9-6, 9-7; J Ransome bt P Genever 9-3, 9-1, 6-9, 6-9, 9-1; S Meads bt I Higgins 9-0, 9-1, 9-3; A Davies (Wales) bt M Barrett 9-4, 5-9, 6-9, 9-7, 10-8; N Taylor bt C Leach 7-9, 9-7, 9-7, 9-3. Second round: D Harris bt J Davis 9-2, 9-1, 9-4; P Johnson bt A Gough (Wales) 6-10, 9-4, 7-9, 9-2, 9-5; M Chaloner bt A Toes 9-0, 9-5, 9-2. Women: First round: A Wray bt B Thomson 9-2, 9-2, 9-7; S Macfie (Scot) bt C Page 9-2, 9-1, 9-3; P Nicholl bt L Hill 9-1, 9-0, 9-3; S Wright bt A Gatherer 9-2, 9-0, 9-1; S Mellar bt P Hoppe 10-8, 10-8, 9-3; R Macree beat K Cheung 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; R Clarke bt J Gurnett 9-1, 9-3, 9-2; S Horner bt K Atkins 9-1, 9-0, 9-0. Second round: C Jackman bt S Felton 9-4, 9-1, 9-4; L Charman bt K Buckley 9-1, 9-0, 9-0; F Geaves bt D Leeves 9-2, 9-4, 9-3.

TABLE TENNIS

MANCHESTER: European Olympic qualifying tournament: Selected results: Men: Stage one: M Syed (GB) bt P Skerski (Pol) 21-19, 21-11, 19-21, 21-9. Women: Stage one: G Keen (Holl) bt A Holt (GB) 23-21, 13-21, 26-24, 21-10, 21-16; L Lomas (GB) bt E Kovtun (Ukr) 17-21, 21-19, 21-12, 21-14; P Frelih (Slovenia) bt A Broe (GB) 21-15, 17-21, 21-5, 21-19

TENNIS

SYDNEY, Australia: Peters International: Men: Semi-finals: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-3, 7-6; T Martin (US) bt G Rusedski (GB) 7-5, 7-6. Women: Quarter-finals: B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt M J Fernandez (US) 7-6, 6-3; K Date (Japan) bt C Rubin (US) 6-0, 6-1; L Davenport (US) bt N Bradtke (Aus) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

MELBOURNE, Australia: Colonial Classic exhibition tournament: Semi-final: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt A Agassi (US) 2-6, 6-2, 7-6.

DAVIS CUP: Euro-African zone group three (in Nairobi): Greece bt Bulgaria 3-0; Kenya bt Congo 3-0; Botswana bt Togo 3-0; Moldavia bt Djibouti 3-0; Cameroon bt Cyprus 2-1; Ireland bt Zambia 3-0 (Ireland names first): S Barron bt K Sinkala 6-3, 6-4; O Casey bt S Bwalya 6-1, 6-0; Barron and Casey bt M Kombe and L Ndelwa 6-1, 6-1.

Mystery of the two Barrels.

A Publican was left bamboozled yesterday as he was required to measure out exactly 40 litres of Ruddles County.

He was presented with two barrels, one having a 30 litre capacity and the other being able to hold 50 litres. An unlimited supply of this most marvellous beer was available and he could fill each of the barrels as many times as he wished. However, the hapless individual failed to puzzle it out.

Perhaps you could have been of some assistance?

A top 30 litre and 50 litre barrel expert from the Ruddles brewery announced plans to release information leading to the solving of this conundrum, advising people to put their minds at rest by revolving their heads 180 degrees.

UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF RUDDLES COUNTY.

50 LITRE BARREL

30 LITRE BARREL

RUDDLES COUNTY

Solution: 30 litre barrel :A, 50 litre barrel :B. Fill B, empty into A leaving 20 litres in B. Empty A. Pour 20 litres from B into A. Refill B. Pour 10 litres into A, leaving exactly 40 litres in B.

هكذا من الأصل

TENNIS 42

RUSEDSKI DRAWS NO COMFORT FROM TIE WITH BECKER

SPORT

SATURDAY JANUARY 13 1996

RUGBY UNION 43

CLUBS THREATEN TO PUT BRAKES ON DRIVE FORWARD

Reluctant Robson pushed to top of the list

By John Goodbody

ALL five of the leading contenders to succeed Terry Venables have announced that they do not want to be the new England coach. Gerry Francis and Glenn Hoddle yesterday added their names to the list of declared non-runners, joining those of Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins and Kevin Keegan.

The Football Association will not take any notice of these public statements and will instead try to persuade the selected candidate — even if he should be one of the big five — why he should take probably the most difficult post in English sport.

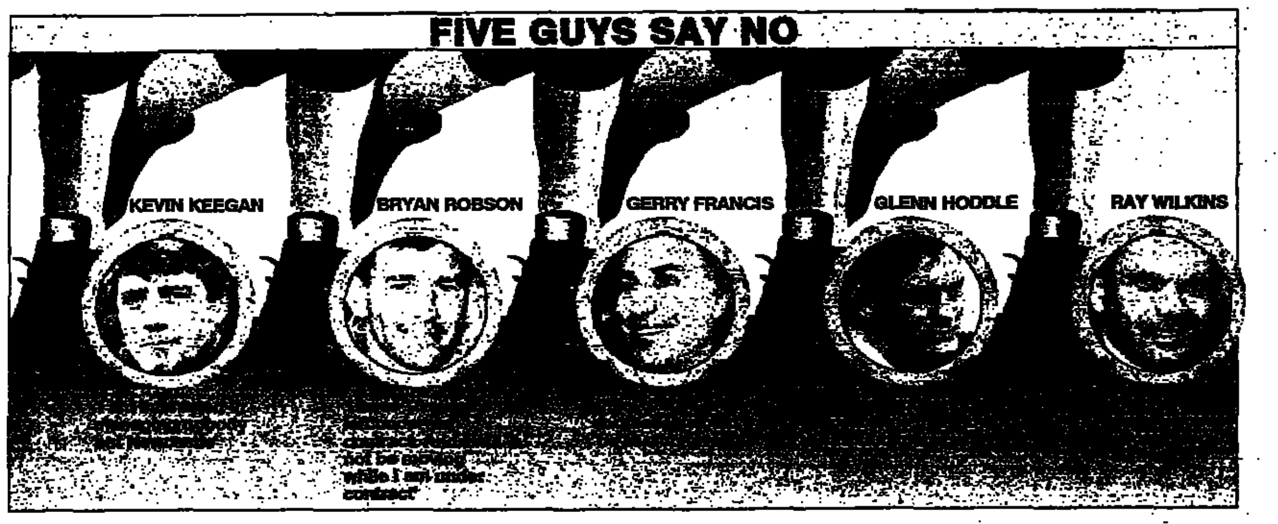
With the FA still resigned to losing Venables after the European championship in June, Robson was yesterday installed as the new favourite with the bookmakers for the post. Ladbrokes quoted him at 2-1.

Robson, one of Venables's assistants with the national squad, has been less adamant than his fellow FA Carling Premiership managers in his refusal to be considered. He also has an "escape" clause in his contract with Middlesbrough if he were to be offered the post as England coach. However, he is inexperienced and has yet to achieve consistent success as a manager.

The former England captain was clearly being groomed as a possible successor to Venables after the 1998 World Cup.

However, Venables's stated desire to concentrate next autumn on a series of court cases, arising from his long-running dispute with Alan Sugar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, and allegations about his business dealings, has upset the timing of the continuity of experience valued by the FA. The national governing body will decide next week on the members of the panel charged with selecting the new coach.

FIVE GUYS SAY NO



When appointed, it is expected that he will work alongside Venables at the European championship and then take over the task in the autumn of leading England in the qualifying games for the 1998 World Cup finals.

Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, said: "We would hope we have an ideal candidate, who is English and has played international football for England. If the man we want is under contract, we will approach the necessary people and ask for permission to speak to him."

Later this month, Jimmy Armfield, a technical consultant to the FA, will begin assessing the feeling of coaches and managers, as he did before Venables was appointed in January 1994. He is likely to find that the professionals still think Venables is the best qualified man and there is a theory that the leading contenders will agree to refuse the job because they want the FA to persuade Venables to continue. Robson said yesterday: "If people would support Terry Venables rather than kick him, he might change his opinion. I worked with him for 18 months and he is the right man for the job."

Francis said: "I am still of the same opinion as I was two years ago, when I was interviewed about the England position. That is that if my future is in football, it would be at club level. I would also urge the FA to persist, if possible, to try to persuade Terry to change his mind and not to lose the invaluable experience gained over the last two years."

The case for Venables will weaken if the Premier League directly criticises the England coach when it delivers its long-awaited report in the next few weeks into transfer dealings. Details of the deal involving the move of Teddy Sheringham from Nottingham Forest to Tottenham, when Venables was at White Hart Lane, could embarrass the England coach and may force the FA to take action.

A further complication for the FA is that it also has to appoint a technical director, who will oversee the coaching from grass roots to the elite level. He will be senior to the England coach but the FA wants the pair to have similar views on playing style and assessment of players. Ian Stott, a member of the international committee and chairman of Oldham Athletic, said that his choice was someone "currently involved in the England set-up".

This is a clear pointer towards Robson, although Wilkins has been working with Dave Sexton on developing the England Under-21 squad.

Tottenham suspended 47
Mandela's greeting 47
Duberry's defence 47

England's stamina tested by schedule

From Simon Wilde in Johannesburg

IF IT is Saturday, England's travelling cricketers would have reasoned as they woke this morning, it must be Johannesburg. If it is Johannesburg, they would have thought as they drew back their curtains and looked out, it must be the third one-day international. By breakfast, they would have remembered it will not be Johannesburg for long. Tomorrow they drive an hour to Centurion Park for the fourth match and on Monday fly to Durban for the fifth.

With two gruelling matches completed in Cape Town and Bloemfontein in the past four days, this weekend will test the stamina of both England and South Africa and their managements can be expected to spread the load by resting several players in one or other of the first daytime games in the seven-match series.

Of England's 17 players, only Robin Smith, Jack Russell, Mike Watkinson and Richard Illingworth have yet to appear and all should play today or tomorrow. Smith certainly will, probably as an opener, but Illingworth is still recovering from the side strain he sustained two weeks ago. If he is not fit by Monday, he may return home.

With the score standing at 1-1, the series is set up nicely for its double-header, although after England's five-wicket victory at Springbok Park, Michael Atherton, the England captain, was still rueing his side's failure to win the first match. "It is irritating," he said. "We should be 2-0 up now. But we showed the killer instinct we lacked in Cape Town in the second match. Although there were one or two times when we might have let things slip, I never felt we were going to lose once we needed five an over from the last ten overs. The feeling in the dressing-room after the defeat in Cape Town was not one we want to experience again."

There were several other encouraging aspects about England's performance on Thursday. One was simply the fact that they beat South Africa for the first time in seven matches, another that the batsmen finally operated as a unit again. Three of them — Atherton, Hick and Thorpe — made half-centuries for the first time in an international since the first Test.

The control exercised by Hick and Neil Smith was also heartening, bearing in mind the slow pitches of the Asian subcontinent on which the World Cup will be played next month. They came on to bowl with Hudson and Snell rampant and dragged England back into the game. Each presents himself as a possible partner for Illingworth in the World Cup.

England's decision to use a pinch-hitter was taken only in the interval between innings but it worked well enough for them to try it again. On Thursday, the choice lay between DeFreitas and White — DeFreitas being chosen — but in future the options may include others.

One of the benefits of the strategy is that it helps the balance of the side. When Fairbrother was fifth out with 42 runs still needed from seven overs, it was reassuring to see Stewart walking out rather than one of England's several bowlers-who-bat-a-bit.

Far less welcome was Ramprakash's continued failure. It was typical of his luck that he should be run out by an exceptional piece of fielding by Rhodes but England have not given up on him, despite his record of five runs in five innings. Raymond Illingworth, the manager, said yesterday that he wanted Ramprakash to play over the weekend.

"Mark was very down last night," Illingworth said. He remains very much in our thoughts for the World Cup. He is an outstanding fielder and runs well between the wickets."

Ramprakash's ability in the field is a strong factor in his favour because, in this area, England look far from world champion material. "We were not 100 per cent last night. There was a lot of fumbling and eyes taken off the ball," Illingworth said. Unfortunately for Ramprakash, these are not problems Rhodes has.

ALAN COZZI

Bird, in typical pose, points an admonishing finger at a spectator who has had the temerity to interrupt play

Bird and colleague David Shepherd in relaxed mood after abandoning play at Lord's. Life was rather more serious for him as a player with Leicestershire

Bird bows to Father Time

Pat Gibson says intrusive TV may have influenced a popular umpire's decision

IT WAS the hardest decision Dickie Bird has ever made. Cricket's best-known umpire has given himself out after standing in 65 Test matches, more than anyone else, and 92 one-day internationals.

His detractors will say that it makes a change from saying "not out" because, if there was ever any criticism, it was about his tendency to give batsmen the benefit of the doubt, but most cricket lovers will be sad to see him go.

Bird has agreed to retire from international cricket after umpiring one more Test — fittingly at Lord's when England play India in June — because, he says, the time has come to give somebody else a chance. "A five-day Test is much harder work these days," he said. "You get tired and you are continually under the eye of the media."

One suspects that it is the television camera more than fatigue that has persuaded him to call it a day. He has built his reputation on an almost uncanny ability to make the right decision, so it came as a shock when he had to ask the third umpire, watching a TV replay, to decide whether Graeme Hick had been run out in a one-day international last summer.

Bird does not like television's intrusion into his job but television likes him — the white cap, the twitching of the shoulders as if his back is bothering him, which it sometimes does, and the shooting of the cuffs. Television has been good to him, too, because it has shown how often he did get things right with a swift and unerring judgment which was completely at odds with the rest of his character. He is a born worrier.

Everything seems to have happened to Dickie since he was a young batsman at Barnsley, where they still talk about how he managed to buckle his pads together and fell over when he tried to go out to bat. Yorkshire dropped him after he had scored 181 not out and, while he was fielding for Leicestershire, he crashed head-first through a boundary board and a joiner had to cut him free. When he went to London to umpire his first county match in 1970, a policeman apprehended him as he tried to climb over the wall of the Oval at 6.30am.

It snowed when he was umpiring at Buxton in the flaming June of 1975, water came up instead of down because of a blocked drain at Headingley in 1988, it rained for the first time in five years when he went to Sharjah and sunshine glinting off a warehouse roof stopped play at Old Trafford, of all places, last summer.

There was a bomb scare at Lord's, where he sat on the covers on the reasonable assumption that there would not be any explosives underneath them, firecrackers under his feet at Trent Bridge, courtesy of Allan Lamb, and a mobile phone on which Ian Botham rang to ask him to tell Lamb to play a few shots.

Memories, memories ... and dear old Dickie was reliving them all yesterday at Torquay, where he likes to escape the winter chill of his beloved Barnsley, when he is not umpiring abroad. He is 63 and, although he will carry on umpiring in county cricket for two more years, he knows that the time is right to end his international career.

"I have always said that the most important thing in umpiring is gaining the respect of the players and I like to think that I have done that throughout the world," he said.

Dickie used to say that cricket was his life. Now the bachelor, who once received several proposals of marriage when he admitted that he was sometimes lonely, says that cricket is his wife. He is not seeking a divorce.

☐ Peter Willey, a former England batsman, has been promoted to the National Grid international umpires panel. Willey and George Sharp replace Bird and Nigel Plews, joining Mervyn Kitchen and David Shepherd as England's representatives.

Leading article, page 21

Treat yourself to a WINTER BREAK in London

FROM ONLY £24.50 PER PERSON PER NIGHT

£24.50 **Royal Scot** 0171 278 2434
Near King's Cross & Euston AA/RAC ★★★

£29.50 **Hospitality Inn** 0171 262 4461
Bayswater, overlooking Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. Car Park RAC ★★★★

£34.50 **Kensington Palace** 0171 937 8121
Minutes from West End & Knightsbridge AA/RAC ★★★★
A THISTLE HOTEL

£39.50 **The Grosvenor** 0171 834 9494
Victoria AA ★★★★
A THISTLE HOTEL

£44.50 **Mount Royal** 0171 629 8040
Marble Arch, overlooking Oxford St AA/RAC ★★★★

£49.50 **The Selfridge** 0171 408 2080
Central location near Oxford Street AA/RAC ★★★★
A THISTLE HOTEL

£54.50 **Whites Hotel** 0171 262 2711
Exceptional hotel overlooking Hyde Park RAC Blue Ribbon
A THISTLE COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL

INCLUDING FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST

Prices per person per night based on two people sharing double or twin room with ensuite facilities, TV, direct dial telephone and tea & coffee making facilities.

PRICES VALID 3rd JANUARY - 12th FEBRUARY 1996
BOOK BY 31st JANUARY 1996

Ask your Travel Agent to book through Highlife on 0800 700 400 (N. Ireland 01232 312000) or call the hotel.

Please quote reference JA XX XX XX.

Minimum stay 2 nights - one night stays available Sunday, Monday and Thursday only. No single occupancy. Bookings subject to limited availability. All details correct at time of going to press.

Arrive in style with BRITISH AIRWAYS

For just £74 per person (inc. taxes) you can fly to London (and home again) on selected shuttle flights from Edinburgh, Glasgow or Manchester between 6th Jan & 28th Feb 1996. You must book at least 7 days in advance through Highlife at your Travel Agent. 1 night stays are also available with flights - please ask for details.

Japanese sponsorship brings cheer to Harlequins

David Hands says stalwarts at the Stoop could be in for a shock next season thanks to a deal announced yesterday

Adrian Stoop may not have liked it, but, next season, the rugby union ground in Twickenham that bears his name will feature the glitz and glamour usually associated with American sport. Harlequins, founded in 1866 and with more than 200 international players to their name, are to introduce dancing girls and cheerleaders in a total-entertainment package.

One says Harlequins advisedly — from next September, they will be officially known as NEC Harlequins, after the announcement yesterday of a substantial sponsorship, over three years, by the Japanese communications giant previously associated with Everton Football Club and the Davis and Federation Cups in tennis.

All of a sudden, youth development programmes take on an entirely new meaning. Part of the agreement is specifically to fund a development officer to attract youngsters to the game from the capital and beyond, but NEC suggested that cheerleaders might prove a valuable addition to the ground attractions beyond those provided by such players as the captains of England and Ireland, Will Carling and Jim Staples respectively.

It struck a chord. "We want 4,000 people in our new stand to go away feeling they have had their money's worth from the game, from pre-match entertainment, from a family day out," Dick Best, the club's director of rugby, said. "I was privileged to be at the World Cup final and the entertainment laid on by South Africa that day was outstanding. We will have to get a professional outfit because we want to do it properly, but there is an additional budget for marketing and promotion."

The agreement, reported to be worth more than £1.5 million, is only the first stage of the club's refurbishment. Harlequins are in negotiation with three more companies for investment that will help underpin contracts for around 35 players, intended to bind a core of players to Harlequins until 1999. "We will be highly competitive in the terms we offer our players," Roger Looker, the chairman, said. He denied that the incorporation of NEC into the club title implied any loss of control.

هكذا من الأصل

Elizabeth's story

■ Today we begin our exclusive serialisation of *Elizabeth*. The acclaimed royal biographer Sarah Bradford was allowed access not only to private correspondence and memoirs, but also to the Queen's inner circle. The result is the most revealing, intimate and authoritative portrait of the Queen ever written.

NEXT WEEK

- ■ Further extracts from Sarah Bradford's book, including:
- ■ The relationship between the Queen and Princess Margaret.
- ■ The Queen as a mother.
- ■ The private woman behind the public role.

WEEKEND

THE TIMES SATURDAY JANUARY 13 1996

Portrait of a very royal marriage

THE QUEEN has been through family troubles in the past few years which would have shattered someone more emotionally fragile than she is. For her personally there has been just one consolation. The events of the *annus horribilis* and its aftermath have drawn her and her husband closer together. Philip has gone out of his way to show his affection and support for her.

"They have come together very much lately," a courtier said. On occasions when Elizabeth carried out some evening function without him, she would return to find him waiting up for her even if it was after midnight. "I think he's been absolutely wonderful to her and incredibly supportive and sort of around," a relation said. "They're like Darby and Joan now — it's very sweet really."

Elizabeth has a dream, a fantasy that she knows she can never realise. There is a valley in Lancashire, near Clitheroe and the beautiful Forest of Bowland, where, she once told a friend: "Philip and I would like to retire to . . ." But their relationship has not always been such a tranquil one, particularly in the early days.

Tommy Lascelles, who was the King's private secretary, probably summed up early court reactions to Prince Philip when he told a friend, "They felt he was rough, ill-mannered, uneducated and would probably not be faithful." What Lascelles meant by "rough and ill-mannered" was that Prince Philip was "cocky".

PHILIP was attractive to women. Apart from his physical appeal, he was good company. "He was very amusing, gay, full of life and energy and he was a tease," his cousin said. Before he had first met Elizabeth at Dartmouth in 1939 there had been girls in his life, including a beautiful young Canadian debutante, Osla Benning. In the summer of 1939 he almost became engaged to her, but rumour had it that his uncle, the ever-vigilant Lord Mountbatten, had other prospects in mind and put a stop to it.

When Philip and his close friend Mike Parker had been based together in Australia on the Pacific Station during the last year of the war, there had always been "armfuls of girls" on their nights out ashore, according to Parker. News of their escapades had reached the ears of senior courtiers at the Palace. One confided his doubts about the likelihood of the future Prince Consort's remaining faithful in the light of his behaviour in Australia; but, like most courtiers, he would not report this kind of thing to his employers.

There had never, apparently, been anything serious: he was too cool emotionally to fall in love. "Philip [and his uncle, Louis Mountbatten] are cold, Germanic Battenbergs," a relation said of him. He was dominant, masculine, but not a romantic. "He's 150 per cent male and that's his trouble really," a contemporary said of him. Typically he was always dismissive when later questioned by biographers about his romance with Elizabeth, as if talking about such things was not what a real man would do:

"I went to the theatre with them [the Royal Family] once, something like that. And then during the war, if I was here I'd call in and have a meal. I once or twice spent Christmas at Windsor, because I'd nowhere particular to go. I thought not all that much about it, I think. We used to correspond occasionally . . ."

Philip's independence of spirit and his refusal to kowtow to anyone were qualities which particularly appealed to the young Elizabeth, surrounded as she was by the deference of courtiers, servants — anybody, in fact, with whom she came into contact outside her own family. They were not, however, qualities which endeared him to courtiers.

Opposition to the idea of her marriage with Philip came not so much from within her own family as from the older courtier, Tommy Lascelles, the most influential man at court, and

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Mutual support: over the years, Philip and Elizabeth have drawn closer together. Yet as a newlywed, the Duke felt so stifled in his role that he called himself "a bloody amoeba"

'He shouts at the Queen sometimes, as he shouts at other people...

Scenes from a marriage in the spotlight . . . clockwise from left: At the start of their honeymoon; newly engaged at Buckingham Palace; on a visit to Toronto, Canada; repairing a bouquet, 1994; waves for the crowd in Liverpool, 1961

Continued from page 1

also from the King's old friends, Lords Eldon, Stanley and Salisbury, and the Queen Mother's brother, David Bowes Lyon. "They were bloody to him" one of Elizabeth's ladies recalled. They would have preferred the Princess to marry someone with a high position of his own, who would have slipped easily into court circles — a rich, sporting, English duke rather than a penniless foreign prince.

Elizabeth was probably unaware of the hostility towards Philip on the part of some of the courtiers and her father's friends, but if she had been it would have made no difference. She was in love with him and wanted to marry him, and when he proposed to her at Balmoral in the late summer of 1946, she accepted.

It does not seem to have been any formal kind of proposal. Prince Philip himself described it to his biographer in his usual offhand way: "I suppose one thing led to another. It was sort of fixed up. That's what really happened."

"Lilibet's engagement keeps meandering on for ages," Margaret reported to Crawfie (the late Marion Crawford, hers and Elizabeth's governess). Nothing was to be official because the King wanted it that way.

Prince Philip put it bluntly: "After all, if you spend ten minutes thinking about it — and a lot of these people spent a great deal more time thinking about it — how many obviously eligible young men, other than people living in this country, were available?"

Some of the more romantic-minded in royal circles thought that if Elizabeth and Philip were in love, they should show it more. They were thought almost too keen to take part in all the social activities, never showing lover-like tendencies to want to be alone with each other. The two of them had the same attitude towards displays of emotion, regarding them as somehow "phoney".

Elizabeth's central relationship is with her husband. Despite the fact that, as friends admit, "Philip is a difficult man and the Queen finds him difficult", she adores him and defers to him, which seems all the more strange to observers in that everyone else defers to her.

"He shouts at the Queen sometimes, as he shouts at other people and she doesn't seem to mind. It's as if she thinks that's how husbands behave," a friend said. On one occasion, after Elizabeth had ordered something to be done in the park at Windsor, Philip exploded at luncheon: "What bloody fool arranged for that?" Elizabeth said, "I did." "Well," her husband shouted, "it was a bloody stupid thing to do." A brave courtier intervened. "Excuse me, Sir, but Her Majesty was quite right." "Well," said Elizabeth, "I'm glad somebody's standing up for me around here."

When he pays her a rare compliment, like telling her she looks lovely in a particular dress, "she looks like a child, looks like you'd given her the world". This does not prevent her telling him sharply to "shut up!" if he is sounding off about something he knows very little about, or in a way she thinks is tactless, usually in a Commonwealth context. In return he is protective of her. Nothing makes him angrier than a gesture which he might detect as the faintest disrespect towards her. "Keep that bloody camera away from the Queen!" he exploded during the filming of *Royal Family*, when he thought the cameraman was getting intrusively close to her. They understand each other on a deep level and the marriage works.

THE QUESTION of Philip's fidelity is, like the real extent of Elizabeth's personal fortune, the last bastion which courtiers will defend to the death. Money and sex, the two questions which most excite the public interest, are naturally the ones which the courtiers least want to see exposed. In defence of their Queen, even the most open and truthful of courtiers is prepared to lie or feign ignorance.

Elizabeth notices: she is an exceptionally observant person. Once, at a party given in Scotland, Elizabeth was seated at a table beside the dance floor, ostensibly talking about racing. But her eyes were elsewhere and, as the dancers parted, she could see her husband dancing very close to the hostess's daughter. She sees but she does not want to know, taking it all in her stride. Nor does she want to be told. When a lady-in-waiting attempted to enlighten her, Elizabeth sacked her, despite their long years of friendship. Sadly, some years later the lady committed suicide.

Theirs is a very royal marriage: Elizabeth's generation was not brought up to expect fidelity but loyalty. Philip is not the man to fall hopelessly in love. Elizabeth understands his desire for independence and to be his own man and makes allowances for it. Philip goes his own way, restless, always on the move. He makes his own plans, often without consulting his wife.

In the beginning the marriage was a success on every level: physically, mentally and temperamentally the couple were compatible. Elizabeth was physically passionate and very much in love with her husband. Philip found her sexually attractive and was equally, although perhaps more coolly, in love. And importantly, for a man like Philip, he loved and respected her. Theirs was a traditional marriage. Elizabeth was used to a household in which the man came first and Philip was a particularly dominant male.

For a hyperactive and intelligent man such as Philip, the role of royal consort is not an easy one. His predecessor as consort was allowed every privilege. But then, as Disraeli once declared, Albert, husband of Victoria, was virtual ruler of England. Philip was made a Privy Counsellor, but Elizabeth had no intention of following the example of her great-great-grandmother of involving her consort in her official business as ruler. When she became Queen she acquired a new authority. She would operate just as her father had, with access to state papers and reports of Cabinet meetings and parliamentary proceedings, supplemented by a weekly interview with the Prime Minister. Philip was relegated to carrying out official duties and the overseeing of the estates. He would have to carve out a role for himself. The imbalance between his position and hers, and her anxiety to compensate for it, were to influence the course of their and their children's lives.

● *An edited extract from* Elizabeth, A Biography of Her Majesty the Queen. *to be published by William Heinemann on February 5, £20.*

© *Sarah Bradford 1996*

Marriage Milestones

- The Queen: Born Princess Elizabeth of York, London, 1926.
- The Duke: Born Prince Philip of Greece, Corfu, 1921.
- First met: Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, 1939.
- Engaged: Announcement made July 10, 1947.
- Married: Westminster Abbey, November 20, 1947.
- Children: Charles, b November 20, 1948; Anne, b August 15, 1950; Andrew, b February 19, 1960; Edward, b March 10, 1964.

PICTURE CREDITS
Syndications International
Popperfoto
Camera Press
Hulton Deutsch
PA Photo Library
Topham

Bickering and bad grace

House of Windsor triumphant

THE MOST wounding blow for Philip came only three days after the funeral of George VI. On February 18, 1952, an agitated Queen Mary reported that Mountbatten, Philip's uncle whose name he shared, had told a party of royal guests "that the House of Mountbatten now reigned".

Queen Mary had spent a sleepless night worrying over this and was greatly relieved when the Churchill-led Government came down "strongly of the opinion that the family name of Windsor should be retained". Descendants should continue to bear the family name of Windsor, and the Lord Chancellor was deputed to prepare a draft proclamation.

Philip subsequently had what a courtier described as "a huge row" at Sandringham with the Lord Chancellor —"he really minded about it" — and followed up with a "strongly but ably worded memorandum" objecting to its intended declarations that the Royal Family remained the House of Windsor. This annoyed Churchill, who engineered two meetings with the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Privy Seal, the Home Secretary and the Leader of the House of Commons, "to draft a firm, negative answer", which was finalised and passed by Churchill on March 12. Presumably because of the fierce behind-the-scenes row that the question had aroused, it was decided not to make it the subject of a public proclamation, but instead a declaration by the Queen to the Privy Council which would subsequently be published in the *London Gazette*.

On April 7, the Lord Chancellor produced a memorandum for the Cabinet which recorded the Queen's amended draft declaration. The message was unequivocal: "I hereby declare My Will and Pleasure that I and My children shall be styled and known as the House and Family of Windsor, and that my descendants who marry and their descendants, shall bear the name of Windsor."

Why did Elizabeth deliver what amounted to a slap in the face to her husband? Mountbatten, whose tactlessness had brought on the whole affair, attributed it to Lord Beaverbrook's malign influence over Churchill, "coupled with Winston's disenchantment with what I did in India". But the feeling within the Queen's own family, particularly where her grandmother and mother were concerned, was strongly against any feelings of her father.

Elizabeth was particularly conscious of the continuity that her family represented and determined to carry on in the traditions which her father and grandfather had established, virtuous and dedicated, putting duty and service above all else.

Consequently, the first and principal casualty of Elizabeth's accession was her husband. Philip's naval career came to an abrupt end. Not only was he forced to give up a service in which he had spent most of his life, but also Clarence House, the first real home he had had, and on which he had lavished such care and attention. He suggested that rather than leave Clarence House, he and his family should continue to live there, while using Buckingham Palace as an office.

"PRINCE PHILIP didn't want to go to Buckingham Palace," one of the Queen's household said, "but all the old codgers said 'you must go'." Churchill backed them up; Buckingham Palace had always been the home of the monarch and would continue to be so. Where Philip had once been so much in charge, his influence was now restricted to walking a pace behind his wife at public functions and organising as much of the private side of their lives as he was allowed to do.

Philip took it very hard. "I'm nothing but a bloody amoeba," he exploded. He felt robbed of his identity and he was, perhaps, disconcerted by Elizabeth's new-found ease and self-confidence.

Philip's most recent promotion, agreed in Cabinet on February 22, 1957, was the title of Prince of the United Kingdom. This had not been Elizabeth's idea but the suggestion of Churchill, who told the Cabinet on March 2, 1955, that he had put it forward "in informal conversation with the Queen" and that she had been favourably disposed towards it. Elizabeth, perhaps significantly however, did nothing to follow it up for nearly two years, not until February 1957.

In Cabinet, the Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, characteristically claimed the credit for it. He had, he said, proposed the idea to the Queen "in recognition of the great services which HRH had provided to the country and of his unique contribution to the life of the Commonwealth, culminating in the tour which he has just concluded". What Macmillan did not say, but which was almost certainly his intention, was that this should knock on the head all the rumours about rifts in the royal marriage by making Elizabeth be seen publicly to reward her husband for his services.

The fun-loving Duke of Edinburgh (centre) at his bachelor party in 1947, with his uncle Earl Mountbatten (right) and a friend

هكذا من الأصل

…she doesn't seem to mind. It's as if she thinks that's how husbands are'

Royal Family through the years: clockwise, from top left — Elizabeth and Philip at the Calgary stampede; at the Dorchester with Margaret; a formal portrait; the young Princesses playing deck games on board *HMS Vanguard*; on holiday at Balmoral

Rumours of scandal

Philip and the Thursday Club

AT THE MOMENT when British paratroopers were descending from the sky over the Suez Canal Zone, Elizabeth's husband was on the Royal Yacht *Britannia* off the eastern coast of Ceylon (as it then was). Accompanied by Mike Parker, an old naval friend, and the artist Edward Seago, he was halfway through what was billed as a tour of the outlying territories of the Commonwealth.

Philip was escaping from the Palace. On that four-month tour he could feel free to grow a naval-looking beard and indulge his interests in watercolour painting, wildlife and science. By the time the tour was over, rumours that Elizabeth's marriage was in trouble had made headlines across the world. "Last week," *Time* reported on February 18, 1957, "the (rumour) mongering winds were howling louder around Buckingham Palace than they had since the day of Wallis Warfield Simpson and Edward VIII."

Gossip columnists digging into the pasts of both Philip and Parker came up with the Thursday Club, organised by the top society photographer, Baron. The Thursday Club was an informal luncheon club, of which members included leading journalists, the actors James Roberton Justice, David Niven and Peter Ustinov and humorists Patrick Campbell and Larry Adler.

IT was a typically all-male affair, with no purpose beyond starting the weekend early. The members ate fish and drank Wheeler's house white wine, and the atmosphere, according to one member, was of "high spirits stimulated by the brilliance of the backchat", funny stories, barracking and dirty talk.

The animating spirit and original founder of the Thursday Club, Baron Henry Stirling Nahum (always known simply by his first name), was a colourful figure in London society. Baron introduced Philip, his cousin David Milford Haven, and Parker to a social circle in London which was as far removed as it was possible to be from Philip's royal in-laws' "tweedy" and ultra-respectable friends.

Parted by the Palace: Mike Parker and Philip

It was a world in which aristocrats met showgirls, a peculiarly 1950s London phenomenon, which ended with the Profumo scandal in 1963. Baron and his brother were "passports to all sorts of people in London … they were lively lads at a very lively time".

The Thursday Club did not confine itself to lunches. According to Larry Adler, a founder member with Baron, they gave Philip a "bachelor night" party at Baron's flat in the mews of Bruton Place — "Boy, was he nervous … his face was white with fear" — and there would be an annual dinner for Philip at Mike Parker's flat. There were a lot of schoolboyish high jinks. At a pre-wedding lunch for Guy Middleton, Philip and Milford Haven threw smoke bombs into the fireplace and the room filled with smoke. Everybody's face was black, the police were called, but it was hushed up.

Pranks were one thing, sexual scandal quite another. The Palace was not amused when gossip columnists linked Philip with Baron's girlfriend, the beautiful musical star Pat Kirkwood, whose legs Kenneth Tynan once described as "the eighth wonder of the world". Their first meeting took place in October 1948, when Elizabeth was heavily pregnant with Charles.

According to Pat Kirkwood some 40 years later, they met when Baron came to pick her up at the Hippodrome Theatre near Leicester Square, bringing with him Philip and a naval equerry named "Basher" Watkins. They had dinner at Les Ambassadeurs, an ultra-fashionable Mayfair restaurant and gambling club, moving to the Milroy nightclub, where Philip asked Pat Kirkwood to dance. Several couples, described by Kirkwood as "courtiers", looked shocked. Philip pulled faces at them, but they reported back to the Palace. The King was outraged.

Pat Kirkwood has always denied that she and Philip had an affair.

There were rumours, too, of Philip's relations before his marriage with Helene Cordet, who in the late 1950s ran a nightclub called The Saddle Room in Hamilton Place, but the Duke's authorised biographer, Tim Heald, insists that the two of them were just childhood friends.

Philip's defence, then and always, against allegations of infidelity was the impossibility of escaping from his detectives. At a party with Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands, husband of Queen Juliana, he once got down on his knees and salaamed to him — "You're a lucky guy," he told him. "I have six security men behind me all the time…" Prince Bernhard, according to a witness, was not amused.

JOAN GRAHAM, the London-based "Mayfair Set Correspendent" of the *Baltimore Sun*, sent a report of "whispers" that "the Duke of Edinburgh had more than a passing interest in an unnamed woman and was meeting her regularly in the apartment of the court photographer".

Thursday Club luncheons were represented as orgies and the rumour went round that Parker (who was in the middle of a divorce) had been dropped specifically so that he could no longer lead the Duke astray.

Through gritted teeth, the royal press office denied that there was any rift between the Queen and her husband, and Elizabeth let it be known that she planned to fly that week to Lisbon to join Philip there, two days before beginning a joint state visit.

In anticipation of the meeting, Philip had shaved off the ginger beard he had grown. When he boarded the plane, he found the entire party, including his wife, wearing false ginger whiskers. Elizabeth emerged from the plane "with a broad grin" and, after shaking hands with the assembled dignitaries, the couple drove off "in dignified silence", according to the reporters, one of whom claimed to have spotted a "tiny smudge of lipstick" on the ducal cheek — "an all's well signal that spread to the four corners of the Earth", *Time* announced.

[illegible] THE ROYALS, PAGE 4

6 months free line rental

MOTOROLA

flip phone £9.99 inc. VAT

7 DAY MONEY BACK PROMISE
If you are not entirely satisfied with your purchase, simply return your phone in its original condition and packaging within 7 days and we will refund the full purchase price of the phone. You will only be charged for airtime and calls used.

NO HIDDEN CHARGES. FREE connection to [illegible] • LowCall. Vodafone LowCall Line rental £15 (£12.77+VAT) monthly, plus itemised billing £1.76 (£1.50+VAT) Call charges 50p (42.5p+VAT) per min peak 7.30am-7.30pm Monday-Friday. All other times 20p (17p+VAT) per min off peak. (Half minute billing after first minute). Free delivery within 5 working days.

PLEASE HAVE THIS AD READY WHEN YOU CALL QUOTING REF TM06
PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE BY SWITCH, CREDIT CARD, DEBIT CARD & CHEQUE.

FREEPHONE NOW
☎ 0500 002010
LINES OPEN 9AM - 9PM SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

PHONES 4u

Package includes
★ FREE connection
★ FREE home charger
★ FREE delivery to your door

We've got the phone for *you*

Offer available whilst stocks last, subject to status and a standard airtime contract for each phone with 4U Ltd, Shelton Old Road, Stoke on Trent, Staffs, ST4 7RY. Full written details and terms and conditions in respect of this offer are available upon request from the address shown. Itemised billing charged at £1.76 (£1.50 + VAT) will be payable from connection.

‘Elizabeth restrained the PM in some of her more tactless moods’

Tensions grow with Mrs Thatcher

The Queen and Mrs Thatcher: newspapers accused the PM of ambulance-chasing and elbowing the Royal Family out of the limelight

The tensions between the Palace and Margaret Thatcher were highlighted by what became known as the *Sunday Times* affair.

On July 20, 1986, just before the Commonwealth Games were to be held in Edinburgh, having been boycotted by a number of nations in protest against Britain's stubbornness over sanctions against South Africa, *The Sunday Times* ran a front-page story that Elizabeth was deeply unhappy with Mrs Thatcher's policies: "This dismay goes well beyond the current crisis in the Commonwealth over South Africa. In an unprecedented disclosure of the monarch's views, it was said that the Queen considers the PM's approach to be uncaring, confrontational and divisive."

Elizabeth was horrified and Mrs Thatcher, always sensitive to the multiplying stories in the press that she and Elizabeth did not get on, was deeply hurt — so much so that she did not even mention the episode in her memoirs. The Queen's private secretary, Sir William Heseltine, in time-honoured fashion, wrote a letter to *The Times* in which he asserted the Queen's constitutional right to counsel, encourage and warn her ministers: "She is entitled to have opinions on Government policy and express them to her chief ministers." Whatever personal opinions the Sovereign may hold or may have expressed to the Government, he said, "she is bound to accept and act on the advice of her Government". Lastly, the Queen was "obliged to treat her communications with the Prime Minister as entirely confidential between the two of them". It was "preposterous" to think that the Queen, after 34 years' experience, would have departed from those basic principles, he wrote. He admitted that the Queen's press secretary, Michael Shea, had talked to Simon Freeman, the journalist concerned, but claimed that he had "said nothing which could reasonably bear the interpretation put upon it by the front-page article of July 20". The claim that the contents of the article were based on information coming from Palace sources close to the Queen "constitutes a totally unjustified slur on the impartiality and discretion of members of the Royal Household".

Shea did not know Freeman, had never met him and the interview had not been face-to-face but over the telephone in response to Freeman's request for an interview on the general theme of "The Monarchy in 2011". According to Shea, the journalist extrapolated what he said into sensational claims about Elizabeth's unhappiness with Mrs Thatcher's policies.

People close to Mrs Thatcher at the time, however, believe that, although Shea certainly never consulted Elizabeth about any inspired "leak" of her views and that she would never have authorised any such thing, "there is no smoke without a fire".

No one at 10 Downing Street at the time suspected Elizabeth of being involved in any way, but they did think it unlikely that Shea would have taken it upon himself to brief this journalist without consultation with some member of the Private Secretaries Office and an agreement that a carefully placed hint might "do some good". The Queen loyally stood by her Press Secretary. At Holyroodhouse, just after the story broke, Shea sat between Elizabeth and Mrs Thatcher, both of whom told him to pay no attention to the media rumpus, but nonetheless his position in relation to Downing Street had become difficult. Accompanying Elizabeth on the state visit to China, during which Philip made a widely publicised remark about "slitty eyes", Shea became involved in a televised scuffle with Chinese security guards. He decided that he had had enough and six months later left to join Hanson.

Eighteen months previously, in 1984-85, Mrs Thatcher had taken on the British coalminers in a prolonged battle which ended in defeat for the National Union of Mineworkers. At the very end of the strike Elizabeth and Philip visited *The Times* on the occasion of the newspaper's bicentenary. While Philip, in his customary forthright way, is alleged to have denounced the miners' leader, Arthur Scargill, as "a shit", Elizabeth was introduced to the paper's labour editor, Paul Routledge, as the man covering the miners' strike. She volunteered that she had been down a coalmine in Scotland that had closed soon afterwards and, after a pause, added, "It's all about one man, isn't it?" Routledge replied that perhaps it wasn't about one man and that, knowing the miners and having been brought up among them, he didn't think one man could bring out 100,000 men on strike for a whole year. "There was a pregnant pause," Routledge recalled, and the party moved on.

Eight years later, having written an unauthorised biography of Scargill, Routledge admitted: "With the hindsight that has come from writing this book, I now feel that I owe the Queen an apology. By that stage, at any rate, the strike was about one man. Scargill may not have started the strike, but one word, one signal from him could have called it off . . . The Queen was right."

Elizabeth, therefore, did not blame Mrs Thatcher for the miners' strike. No one has ever discovered what her feelings were when Mrs Thatcher took the salute of the returned Falklands veterans in the parade through the City of London in October 1982. She may have reflected that the Falklands victory was very much Mrs Thatcher's, but other people thought it odd to see the Prime Minister standing on the dais instead of the Queen, who is head of the Armed Forces. Not one member of the Royal Family was invited to be present at this ceremonial occasion, in contrast to the 1945 parade celebrating the end of the Second World War, when the King took the salute with Churchill and Attlee at a discreet distance.

Mrs Thatcher did not, however, attend the fortieth anniversary celebrations of D-Day in 1984 because she considered it very much the Queen's occasion, and perhaps to avoid the repeated conjecture that she was upstaging the monarch. The newspapers accused Mrs Thatcher of ambulance-chasing and elbowing the Royal Family out of the limelight by dashing to be the first on the scene of disasters like the sinking of the ferry *Herald of Free Enterprise* at Zeebrugge or the destruction of the Pan-Am airliner over Lockerbie. IRA outrages found the Prime Minister swiftly comforting victims. "She wanted to demonstrate solidarity with the people who suffered and to show that terrorists would never break British determination," an aide said.

Nonetheless, Downing Street was conscious of the impression that was being given and sensitive about it; there seems to have been a breakdown in communication between the Prime Minister and the Palace as to who should go where and when. "The Royal Family couldn't be relied on to go," a Thatcher aide said defensively, and indeed there was widespread resentment when Elizabeth did not go to the Lockerbie disaster area but sent Prince Andrew instead.

The impression persists among politicians and Commonwealth members that Elizabeth did act as a restraining influence on Mrs Thatcher in some of her more intransigently tactless moods. There is speculation that it was advice from the Palace which widened the celebration of the Downing Street anniversary from a dinner to which Mrs Thatcher and her Cabinet invited Elizabeth, an occasion with strictly party political overtones, to one to which all party leaders and descendants of former Prime Ministers were invited. Another occasion was the Cenotaph ceremony held on Armistice Sunday in Whitehall, at which the Queen and the leaders of the political parties lay wreaths. Mrs Thatcher originally refused to allow the newly formed SDP to take part. A leading member let it be known to the Palace the feelings of his party at being thus excluded. Mrs Thatcher gave way.

Mrs Thatcher, however, could be obdurate on certain issues. Elizabeth would have liked to have visited the European Parliament in Strasbourg; her Prime Minister opposed the idea of giving royal countenance to that despised institution. Elizabeth did not go.

Mrs Thatcher's major innovation in British politics has been the fearless determination with which she set about attacking the sacred cows and ancient institutions of Britain. Doctors, lawyers, the universities, the trade unions, the nationalised industries, the BBC and the National Health Service — none of them escaped her reforming zeal and her determination to cut costs, reduce public spending and get value for money for the taxpayer. It was only a matter of time before the same spotlight would be turned on the monarchy.

The free market economy, which Mrs Thatcher so cherished, ushered in a free-for-all in communications in which she permitted a dominant share to be taken by her favourite press tycoon, the republican Rupert Murdoch. It is ironical that this most "loyal" of the Queen's Prime Ministers, whose attitude towards the monarchy was the most reverential, should have set in train a revolution in British life which would touch the Queen herself in the next decade.

New!

Reserve now!

The Queen's Official 70th Birthday Coin

Face value offer!

diameter 1.52"

- The latest British £5 coin
- A special tribute to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II
- Face value offer: You simply exchange £5 for £5!

Change £5 for £5

Reserve your coin now to avoid disappointment!

MDM The Crown Collections Limited · P.O. Box 229 · Royal Tunbridge Wells · Kent TN4 0AY · Reg. No. [illegible]

Special Reservation Form

p&p free!

Yes, please reserve the new "70th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II" £5 commemorative coin for me. It is guaranteed that I will receive it as soon as it is issued in March 1996, at the face value issue price of £5. I will receive it post-free on 10 days' approval, during which I may return it at any time. Payment will only be due if I decide to keep the coin. (Order No. 40622-103)

Send no money now!

Only one coin allowed per household. Delivery in March 1996. All orders are subject to acceptance.

Mr/Mrs/Miss: ______ 80710

Address: ______

______ Postcode: ______

Customer No. (If available) ☐☐-☐☐☐-☐☐☐

MDM
The Crown Collections Limited
P.O. Box 229, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 0AY
International Royal Mint Distributor

Elizabeth's favourite Prime Minister

Churchill refuses a dukedom

Churchill joins the Royal Family for VE-Day in 1945

CHURCHILL was Elizabeth's favourite Prime Minister. When he retired in 1955, she sent a handwritten letter telling him how much she missed him and how neither his successor, Anthony Eden, nor any other successor, "will ever, for me, be able to hold the place of my first Prime Minister, to whom both my husband and I owe so much and for whose wise guidance during the early years of my reign I shall always be profoundly so grateful".

This was not mere politeness: she meant it. Asked once which of her Prime Ministers did she enjoy audiences with most, she said: "Winston, of course, because it was always such fun." But when asked whether it had been like Lord Melbourne with the young Victoria, she replied, "Not at all . . . He could be very stubborn." Churchill, for his part, was described by one of the royal private secretaries as coming away from his audiences "purring". His reluctance to give up the pleasure of these weekly private talks as well as the reins of power was certainly a factor in the gloom with which he contemplated his resignation. The old man's romantic affection for Elizabeth nearly caused an embarrassing moment at his resignation audience with her on the day after the farewell Downing Street dinner.

It had been Colville's idea that since his service as Prime Minister had been so exceptional, it would be "appropriate" if he were to be offered an exceptional honour by the Queen — a dukedom, just as his famous ancestor, John Churchill, had been made Duke of Marlborough for his services to the nation. The Palace reply was that no more dukedoms were ever going to be conferred, except on royal personages. As Colville wrote: "However, it did seem appropriate. Could I give the undertaking that the Prime Minister would refuse it?"

When Colville took soundings with Churchill, he found him adamantly opposed to it — he wished to die in the House of Commons as Winston Churchill. "I rushed to the telephone," Colville recalled, "and rang up Sir Michael Adeane and said that he could safely tell the Queen the dukedom could be offered." On the day, however, Colville had misgivings:

"I was greatly disturbed because as I saw the Prime Minister going off in his frock coat and his top hat and knowing, as I did, that he was madly in love with the Queen . . . I was rather alarmed that sentimental feelings might indeed have made him accept at the last moment. In which case, I knew both the Queen and Sir Michael would be very angry with me for having given this pledge.

"When he returned from his audience, the first thing I said to him as we sat in the Cabinet room was 'How did it go?' With tears in his eyes he said, 'Do you know, the most remarkable thing happenend — she offered to make me a duke.'

"With trepidation I asked what he had said. 'Well, you know, I very nearly accepted. I was so moved by her beauty and charm and the kindness with which she made this offer, that for a moment I thought of accepting. But finally I remembered that I must die as I have always been — Winston Churchill. And so I asked her to forgive my not accepting it. And do you know, it's an odd thing, but she seemed almost relieved'."

Book offer

Copies of Elizabeth can be bought by readers of The Times at a special price of £15 each (post and package free) from Reed Book Services, PO Box 5, Rushden, Northants NN10 6XJ (01933 414000). Cross cheques and make payable to Reed Books Services Ltd, with name and full address on the back, quoting reference K128. Allow up to 28 days for delivery from February 5.

هكذا من الأصل

THE CARIBBEAN: Exotic islands in the sun are all any newlywed could want, says **Matthew d'Ancona**

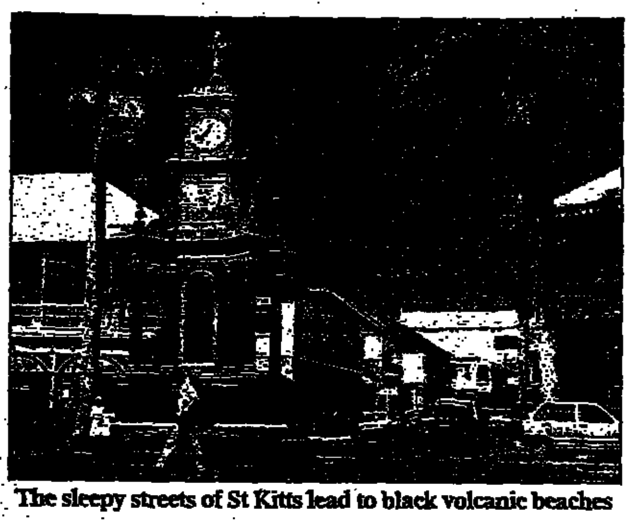
Love at the Golden Lemon

In the pleasurably frantic prelude to a wedding, it is hard to imagine life after the big day. So all-consuming are the preparations for the biggest event in your life that the idea of a "beyond" — a world in which invitations will not have to be printed, cars procured or floral arrangements selected — seems faintly ridiculous.

When Katherine, my then fiancée, and I first discussed where to go on honeymoon, it was to memories of holidays gone by that we first turned for inspiration: she to the gilded romance of Venice; I to the sassy, promenading, authentic jazz and earth-shattering cocktails of New Orleans.

In the end, a second sense prevailed and we chose the islands of the Caribbean for our first fortnight of wedded life. Obvious, perhaps. But there is no better moment to indulge in the obvious than the day after one's wedding. And what we wanted was a Rolls-Royce to pick us up from the airport, take us to a sun-bleached beach by a perfect blue ocean, with a ready supply of champagne and fine food, and leave us there for two weeks. This is exactly what happened.

Though Barbados — our first port of call — is what most Europeans mean by "Caribbean", it is in fact an Atlantic island, a tiny coral playground about 100 miles beyond St Lucia, St Vincent and the other Lesser Antilles. This is a small place where not very much happens. The lead item on the news while we were there was the anxiety of teenagers facing the common entrance exam — a story unlikely to make the Reuters wire. But that is the essence of the Barbadan (or Bajan) charm: a serious commitment to affable relaxation.



The sleepy streets of St Kitts lead to black volcanic beaches

The locals, we discovered, are more likely to compliment you on your luggage than to talk about politics.

As a token gesture to active holidaying, we spent an afternoon on the *Atlantis* submarine, which leaves several times a day from the quayside at Bridgetown and dives 130ft to the reef on the west coast of the island, rich in exotic marine life. Should you wish to, you can spend a frenzied week snorkelling, scuba diving, wind-sailing, fishing and golfing. There is plenty to be done by those who insist on bringing the spirit of the workplace with them on holiday; but Barbados is not really their natural parish.

In truth, this is the home of those who understand how important it is to stay in a hotel where a fresh rum punch can be delivered to your spot on the beach by planting a flag in the sand. One such is the Sandy Lane, one of the few truly world-famous hotels, which offers a form of luxury that is as welcome at the start of the honeymoon as it is predictable in nature. The spirit of the place, modern and self-indulgent, owes more to Michael Winner than Noël Coward. But that is just fine when one is looking for uncomplex relaxation, a place to acquire the beginnings of a tan and feast on first-rate Bajan cuisine (try the barracuda, flying-fish or rich peppery stews on offer on the island, and have at least one lunch at the legendary Waterfront Café in Bridgetown).

A short drive from the Sandy Lane at St Peter is the more intimate Cobblers Cove, run by Hamish Watson, who greets all his guests with a rum "welcoming drink" of cosmic strength.

He berthed us in the Camelot Suite, which, with its own roof terrace and pool overlooking the ocean, is said by many to be the finest accommodation in the Caribbean. This is not a judgment with which we would quarrel. Looking out across a sea awash with the tangerine rays of a Caribbean sunset is an experience I shall never forget.

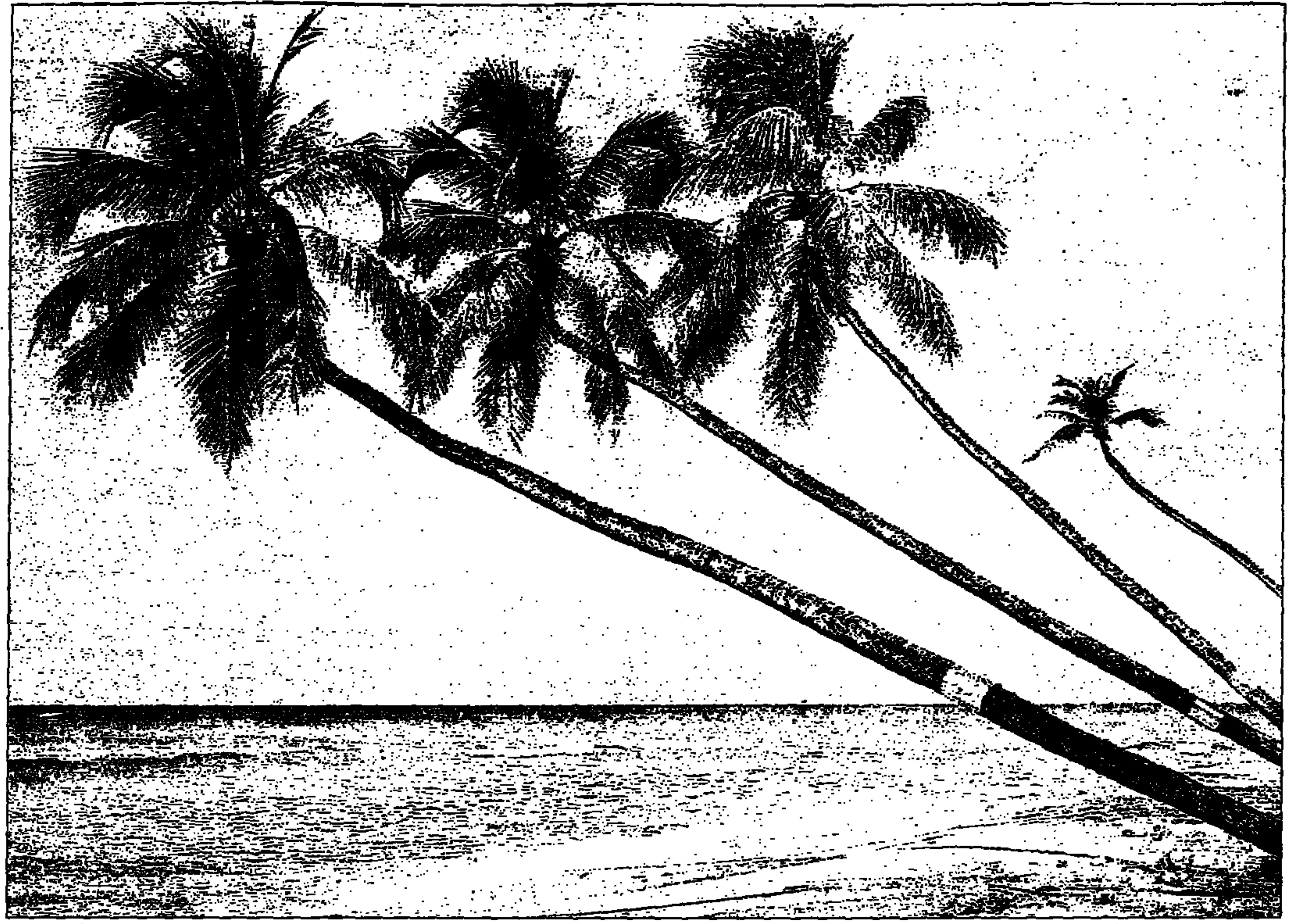
After the cosy modernity of Barbados, one wants to see the slightly wilder side of the islands. We flew in a tiny plane to the sister islands of St Kitts-Nevis, staying first at the Golden Lemon and then at Nisbet Plantation. Everything is different there. The passport officials are more sceptical, the roads rockier, the landscape more rough-hewn.

The night we arrived on St Kitts was payday for the workers from the sugar-cane plantations and all was a frenzy of merriment on the streets of the island.

The black volcanic beaches there are a pleasing contrast to the white sand of Barbados and the swimming is just as good. I was struck by how fine the dining was in the hotels we stayed at. But the Golden Lemon takes the *palme d'or* for a golden honeymoon, a wonderful stockade of chalets individually designed and decorated, most with a large plunge-pool of their own.

Looking out across the reef in the cooling heat of the late afternoon, I realised it would soon be time to go home. But to be there, newly married, still far from London and near only to my new wife — this was heaven.

WORLD PICTURES



Coral playground: visitors can relax on sun-bleached beaches beside a perfect blue ocean, but there are plenty of watersports for the more active

Caribbean fact file

☐ *The author was a guest of Elegant Resorts.*

☐ Seven nights at Sandy Lane from £1,315 per person, including breakfast, return flights to Barbados and private car transfers. Seven nights at Cobblers Cove from £960 per person (no meals), flights included.

☐ A seven-night stay on St Kitts and Nevis, spending three nights at the Golden Lemon (including breakfast) and four nights at Nisbet Plantation (half board) from £1,295 per person, including return flights to Antigua, inter-island flights and private car transfers.

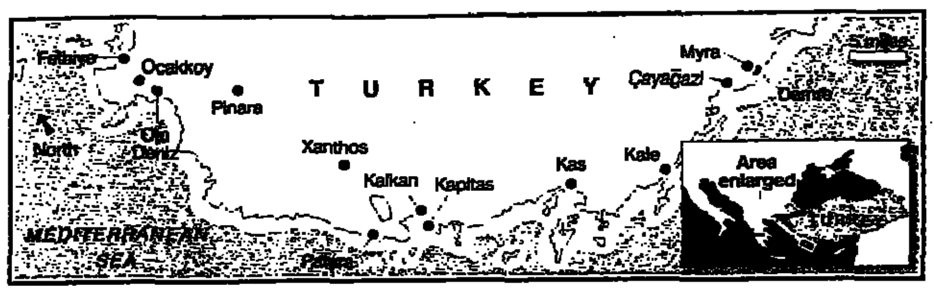
☐ Information and reservations: Elegant Resorts, The Old Palace, Chester CH1 1RB (01244 897999).

At every moment, the hopes, dreams and ambitions of 15,000 people are flying with us.

BRITISH AIRWAYS
The world's favourite airline

TURKEY: **Christine Wheeler** revels in the simple pleasures of a hillside haven before the summer rush ...

Sanctuary under the mimosa trees



While Britain drooped in grey April drizzle, I sipped apple tea on a wooden veranda high on the hillside at Ocakkoy, as the evening sun mellowed the vivid spring green of the plain below and melted the remaining hilltop snow. The only sounds were the irritated braying of a donkey and goats' bells plotting their homeward path to the whistled commands of their female minder, who was draped and covered in the Muslim way. A muezzin called villagers to prayer.

Ocakkoy, a once deserted Turkish settlement, has been restored as a holiday village — but not manicured into an anonymous Euro-resort. Each cottage was almost hidden among geraniums, daisies and wild flowers, waist-high either side of the paths down the hillside to the restaurant, bar and pool. Acid yellow mimosa trees vibrated with the industry of bees.

The solar-powered cottages are basically furnished with *subsistence-Habitat: plain* pine and unbleached calico, decorated with kelim rugs and wall-hangings. The rural idyll was somewhat tarnished when the haughty cockerels, who patrol the paths with vigour, *led their harem of hens* to the verandas at daybreak for an alarm call. Tortoises, trundling in from the surrounding pine forest, sank down to sunbathe.

Although the cottages are not air-conditioned, to retreat to Ocakkoy must be a relief in high summer when the nearby coastal resort of Olu Deniz seethes in heat that could stun a northern Euro*pean into complete inertia.* But, in late April, the thermometer showed mid-70s and — bliss — there were virtually no other visitors. A brief window of opportunity, before the season's start-gun goes off in May, for those of us whose mantra is: I am a traveller, you are a tourist, they pollute the area with beer cans and their very presence. A stroll along an almost deserted beach to the Blue Lagoon, where trees barely stirred and waves could hardly be bothered to flop on to the sand, took us past rows of empty parking spaces, snack bars and toll booths, silently awaiting the crowded chaos of summer.

Driving down the hillside in the village minibus brings you to Fethiye, a small port where café owners were sprucing up their windowboxes in readiness for the rush. Pottery and carpet shops were open, though customers few. We were offered unlimited supplies of apple tea but never hassled to spend.

The package-tour caravan, moving relentlessly east, is but the latest in a long line of invasions and outside influences, and, will re-shape the Turkish landscape and attitudes as surely as those of the Lycians, Greeks, Persians, Romans and Crusaders. Those ancient legacies still stand sentinel over the countryside, with carved Lycian tombs, some dating from the 5th century BC, common around Fethiye. Set high into sheer cliffs, as tall and wide as a small house, they seem inaccessible, but most were plundered soon after being sealed and remain broken, empty and sometimes graffiti-scarred.

Among the larger archaeological sites within driving distance of Ocakkoy is Pinara with its Lycian tombs, Greek temples and amphitheatre. Another, Kaunos, is close by a nature reserve where loggerhead turtles hatch, and is accessible by boat from Dalyan, past biblical reed beds and basking terrapins: very Euphrates.

We climbed to the hilltop sites and traced Turkey's history from the ruins of these once important cities long ago destroyed by disease, war and earthquakes. The ruins are not completely excavated and still free from the intrusive 20th century trappings of tourism.

Driving past farming hamlets where spring planting is still done by hand, seedling by back-breaking seedling, we stopped at makeshift roadside cafés manned by free-enterprise villagers, and lounged like Istanbul pashas on cushions under awnings of vines, pomegranate, fig or walnut trees: welcome shade after walking through fields of poppies, anemones, buttercups and forget-me-nots soon to be sunbaked to a uniform brown.

And the Turkey I saw was never obscured by an oppressive heat haze or crocodiles of tourist buses.

Only the gentle tinkling of goats' bells disturbs the peace at Ocakkoy, where each cottage is hidden among the flowers

Turkey fact file

☐ The author was a guest of Simply Turkey, Chiswick Gate, 598-608 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5RT (0181-747 1011; fax 0181-995 5346).

☐ Ocakkoy is closed in February and March for upgrading of cottages. Two weeks for two sharing one of the 25 cottages in April costs £474, self-catering. High season £597, self-catering. Breakfast about £5 per head; dinner about £7-£8 per head in the restaurant at Ocakkoy.

☐ There are two specialised botany tours, for up to 15 people, *based at Ocakkoy: two weeks starting April 7 for £785 per person* half board; one week starting May 5 for £650 per person half board, both led by expert English botanists. There are two specialised archaeology tours for up to 15 people; two weeks starting April 14; two weeks starting September 22, £845 per person half-board and led by an expert from the Bodrum Museum. All prices include return flights to Dalaman.

TREASURES of TURKEY
Specialists to Dalyan, Olu Deniz Kalkan & Istanbul. Authentic family run pensions & self catering with pools. Mini Cruises and tailor made holidays available. For early season discounts call today:
ATOL 3703 0171 494 2292

Sunquest
TURKEY SUMMER '96
£20 PP EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT ON SELECTED ACCOM.
QUALITY & ENORMOUS CHOICE
FROM £109
* FREE CHILD PLACES
* TWO WEEKS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE
*FLIGHTS FROM 8 AIRPORTS - LOW FLIGHT SUPPLEMENTS
• 28 RESORTS INC. KALKAN & ÖLÜDENIZ
• 2-5* HOTELS • APARTMENTS
• COACH TOURS • GULET CRUISES
Brochures from authorised ABTA Agents or call:
01233 211 402
Reservations: 0171 498 9991
OPEN SUNDAYS
ABTA V0955 IATA ATOL 3763

SunTours
TURKEY Summer '96
Up to £40 Discount & Children go FREE!
• Hotels
• Apartments
• Gulet cruises
all at UNBEATABLE PRICES!
Holidays from £129* with departures from 13 Airports
For Brochures call 01233 211107
or see your ABTA Travel Agent.
For Reservations call 0171 434 3636
ABTA V1002
*Includes £40 first come first served discount. Excludes flight supplements and is subject to availability
ATOL 3398

SAVILE TURKEY
Uncommonly Savilised
Call for a brochure 0171 625 3001 ABTA/ATOL
Villas with pools, Sultan's Palaces, discreet hotels, romantic farmhouses, air-conditioned mini-cruises - all unique to Turkey with an equally unique itinerary created by us just for you. If you take your pleasure seriously talk to Savile.
We also open Sat/Sun from 11am to 3pm

Turkey & Beyond
BEYOND BELIEF
Specialist Istanbul Short Breaks.
• Rich history, romantic dining and a shoppers paradise • Wide variety of select accommodation. ABTA V4231 ATOL 3626
Going Further For You CALL 0171 486 3388
TURKEY AND NORTH CYPRUS

SPECIAL EASTER CRUISE ON THE AEGEAN DOLPHIN
29TH MARCH - 5TH APRIL 1996
VOYAGES OF DISCOVERY
GREECE-CYPRUS-SYRIA-EGYPT-ISRAEL-TURKEY
Return flights from Gatwick or Manchester
Stimulating talks on fascinating ports of call & excursions - Crac des Chevaliers, Cairo & Pyramids, Jerusalem & Bethlehem, Ephesus
Comfortable, friendly ship - maximum 650 passengers, exclusively chartered for British passengers
All cabins with private facilities
Good food and lively entertainment
Excellent value - fares from just £595 per person for twin bed cabin
FOR FURTHER DETAILS CALL US NOW ON 01293 433030

HOLIDAYS FROM £255 FOR 1996 SUMMER & 1997 WINTER
PRESIDENT HOLIDAYS
The True specialist for
TURKEY & NORTH CYPRUS
Ring our 24hrs. Brochure Line: 0181 667 1313
For further information & reservations ring:
ABTA V057X 0181 688 7555 ATOL 2462

FREE WEEK in TURKEY
UNCOMMERCIAL
Turkey & northern Cyprus
Our summer '96 Brochure is now available & this offer, together with many more, are available if booked prior to January 31 '96.
Weekend daytime flights from Gatwick, Stanstead & Manchester.
All Departures available April - October.
For a brochure or a chat with our friendly & knowledgeable team please call
TAPESTRY HOLIDAYS
0181 742 0055
ATOL 3434 ABTA V4829
TWO WEEKS for the price of ONE

Turkey
NORTHERN CYPRUS
Memorable holidays from the specialists
- 19th year -
for new free brochure call
0171-935 6961
METAK HOLIDAYS

TÜRKEY
Away from the crowds, closer to the country.
DOLUNAY HOLIDAYS
01452 501978
TTA T8440

Moghuls & Maharajahs
Starting in January we shall be inaugurating a new flight series direct from London Gatwick to Agra for the Taj Mahal and in the process avoiding the tedium of travelling to and from Delhi and permitting the traveller to see that which he has come to see and able to relax and explore other parts of Rajasthan at an easy pace and when the weather is at its most pleasant.
Our arrangement includes the international flight to and from Agra, visits to the Taj Mahal and Red Fort, 7 nights accommodation at either the 4-star Agra Clarks Shiraz hotel or alternatively at the 5-star Mughal Sheraton at a small supplement. A variety of optional visits to Jaipur, Fatehpur Sikri, Sikandra, Bharatpur and Delhi are available. Alternatively you may elect to just relax and enjoy the gardens and facilities of your chosen hotel.
See the Taj Mahal set in formal gardens on the River Jumna, which was begun in 1630 by the Emperor Shah Jahan for his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal. The building is of white marble and has pietra-dura inlay work of extraordinary delicacy. Later continue to the Red Fort, a complete Moghul city in itself, built by Akbar and enclosed by turreted, red sandstone walls. See the many courtyards and marble halls, including the suite of rooms where Shah Jahan was imprisoned for the last seven years of his life by his son Aurangzeb and where he died looking at the Taj Mahal.
Hotel Clarks Shiraz
The 4-star Clarks Shiraz hotel is situated in the centre of Agra one kilometre away from the Taj Mahal. The hotel has 239 rooms, a number of restaurants, shops, a nice garden and swimming pool. All rooms have en-suite facilities, air-conditioning and a television.
Hotel Mughal Sheraton
The luxurious 5-star Mughal Sheraton is located in the centre of Agra and just one kilometre away from the Taj Mahal itself. The hotel has 287 rooms all with en-suite facilities, air-conditioning, television, a number of restaurants, bars, a swimming pool, shops, landscaped gardens.
Optional Excursions
Please ensure excursions are booked prior to travel to avoid disappointment.
Sikandra
Visit Emperor Akbar's Mausoleum at Sikandra, a great tiered building built in 1613 set in a Moghul walled garden. See the nearby tomb of Itmad-Ud-Daulah built by the Empress Noorjehaan in memory of her father. The tomb, besides being the forerunner of the Taj Mahal itself, is an exquisite marble structure. A half-day tour by coach: £18.00 per person.
Fatehpur Sikri
The city was created entirely of red sandstone by the Emperor Akbar in 1569 as his capital but was deserted 16 years later as the wells ran dry. See the Diwan-I-Am and Diwan-I-Khas where religious deputations also took place. See the palace that Akbar built for his son, Prince Salim, and the Jammi Masjid, the imperial mosque built in 1571 to commemorate Akbar's conquests in north India. Inside the white marble tomb of Shaikh Chishti, a Sufi who was held in high respect by Akbar and Jahangir. A full-day tour by motor coach including lunch: £24.00 per person.
Bharatpur
The Ghan National Park at Bharatpur is India's renowned waterbird sanctuary where a great variety of birds can be seen especially during the winter. A full-day tour by motor coach including lunch: £29.00 per person.
Old and New Delhi
Travel by motor coach to Delhi and see the main sights of Shah Jahan's old city and Sir Edwin Lutyens' beautiful New Delhi. An overnight tour by coach staying at the Hotel Qutab (or similar) on half-board basis: £79.00 per person.
Jaipur
Travel to Jaipur for a two-night stay at Jaipur Spirit of Rajputna. See the Amber Fort, Lake Maota, the Palace of the Winds, the Observatory built by Jai Singh, and the city palace, a delightful blend of Moghul and traditional architecture that covers over one tenth of the total area of the walled city. A two-night tour including lunches: £89.00 per person.
All visits include transportation as applicable, entrance fees and local guides.
LONDON TO THE TAJ MAHAL DIRECT
7 nights from £465.00 with optional visits to Sikandra, Fatehpur Sikri, Bharatpur, Jaipur and Delhi
Departure Dates & Prices
Tuesdays - per person in a twin room

1996	
Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	£465
Feb 6, 13, 20, 27	£495
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	£495
Apr 2	£520
Apr 9, 16, 23, 30	£465
May 7, 14, 21, 28	£465
Jun 4, 11, 18, 25	£465
Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	£465
Aug 6, 13, 20, 27	£465
Sep 3, 10, 17, 24	£465
Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	£465
Nov 5, 12, 19, 26	£465
Dec 3, 10, 17	£465
Dec 24, 31	£520
1997	
Jan 7, 14, 21, 28	£465
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	£495
Mar 4, 11, 18	£495
Mar 25	£520
Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	£465

Supplements
per person

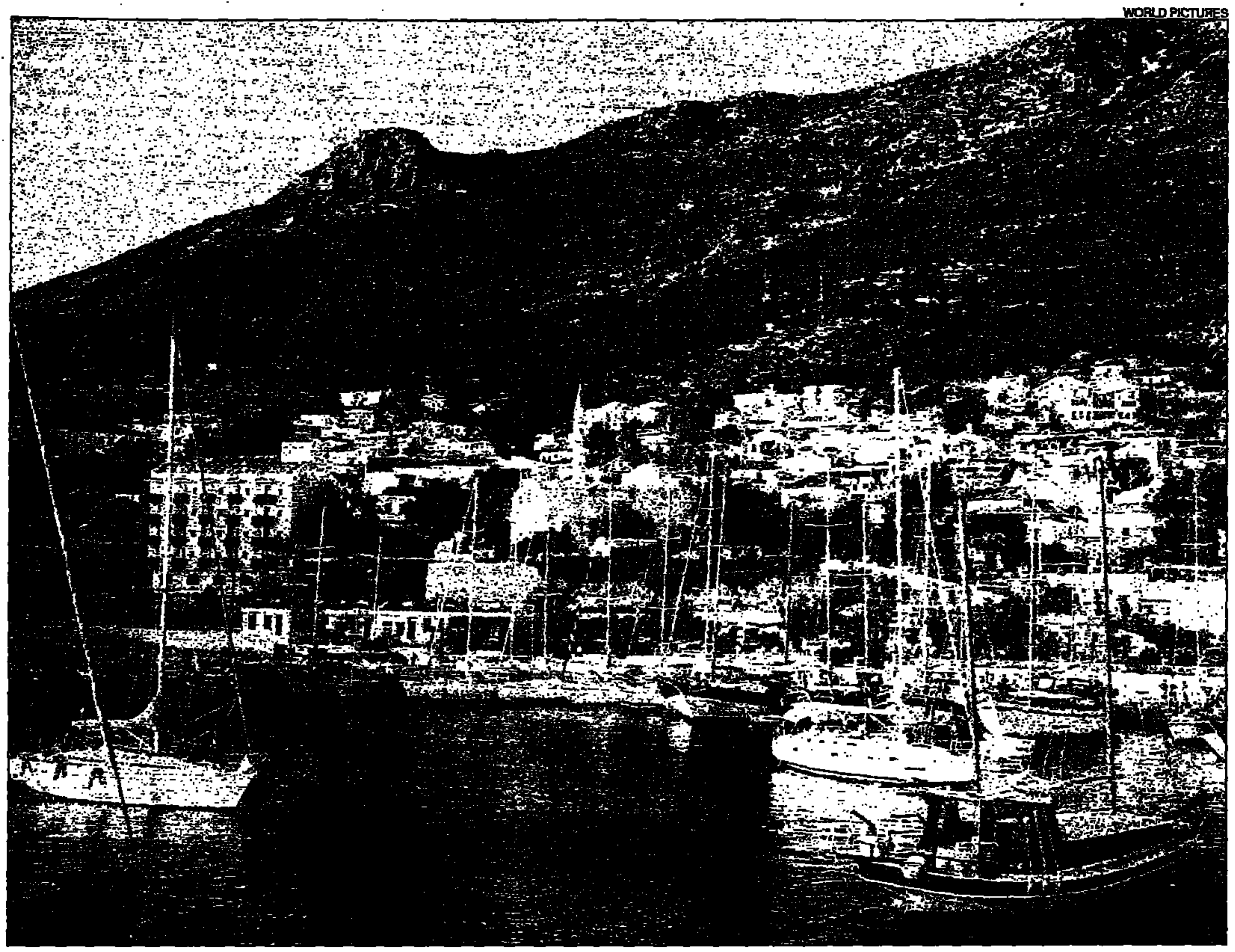
Single room	£165
Supplements for Mughal Sheraton	
Twin room	£79
Single room	£190

Inclusions: flights to and from Agra, room and breakfast at the hotel selected, local guides and hosts, excursion to Taj Mahal and Red Fort. Not included: visa, airport taxes, insurance. All prices are subject to change.
0171-616 1000
VOYAGES JULES VERNE
21 Dorset Square,
London NW1 6QG
Travel Promotions Ltd.
ABTA V1661 ATOL 8838
Our offices are open for telephone reservations weekdays from 9am to 5pm and at weekends from 9am to 5pm. For personal visitors, the office hours are 9am to 5pm weekdays only (not weekends).

هكذا من الأصل

… and **Brigid Callaghan** sets sail on a gulet, while **Brian MacArthur** finds perfect peace of his own

Adrift on the sea of sighs



WORLD PICTURES

After supper in the Turkish village of Kalkan, take a stroll through narrow streets thronged with shops and have a nightcap overlooking the bay

On board gulets, it is not just honeymoon couples who go to bed at 9.30pm. You wake at sunrise, as light and the sounds of the sea come through your portholes, and take the first swim of the day, in deep, clear sea, before breakfast at 7.30am.

Twelve hours later you will be dining on deck wondering how soon you can decently give in to exhaustion and retire to your cabin. The honeymooners, in fact, showed more resistance to going to bed than the rest, perhaps because the captain seemed to have taken advantage of the empty cabin next to them. On a gulet you can hear your neighbour's every sigh.

For first-time gulet cruisers, a three-night trip is thoroughly recommended. It is short enough to allay any anxiety about cabin fever and long enough to appreciate the pleasures of the boat.

Cruise passengers usually begin their journey anxious to know which ports, harbours or beaches they will visit but often become so attached to their vessel that they prefer to stay on board rather than go ashore or inland.

On this trip, the balance of time on board and off was perfect. On the first day, a two-hour journey, with lunch on board on the way, from Kalkan on the southwestern, Mediterranean coast of Turkey, further south to Kas with time to explore the town and its carpet and jewellery shops, before setting off again at five o'clock to moor for the night in a bay just beyond, with a swim before supper.

Another two hours cruising the next day, with mountains as your backdrop at breakfast, past Kekova island with its sunken Byzantine city to Çayağazi, and onwards by minibus to Demre and the church of St Nicholas (aka Santa Claus) and to Myra, where St Nicholas died and where you can visit a Roman amphitheatre surrounded by Lycian rock tombs. After swimming, and lunch on the boat, back up the coast to visit Kale, where huge Lycian sarcophagi rise out of the harbour and cluster on a plain below the castle, and rock tombs nestle next to village houses.

Then on the third day, waking in a bay just beyond Kale, you travel back up the coast with no shore stops but two blissful anchorages, one in deep, clear water between coast and islets and the other in a bay just beyond Kalkan, both with plenty for snorkellers to enjoy. On the morning of the last day, it is just half an hour's journey back to the harbour of Kalkan.

We may have been lucky with our companionable fellow travellers but gulet regulars say that they have rarely known a disastrously unsuccessful mix on board.

The cautious could always pack a few cabins with friends. Sixteen people and three crew (captain, deckhand and cook) on board an 88ft boat is not as crowded as it might seem, and the shared breakfast/lunch/dinner table was a pleasure each day.

Food on board was excellent — light breakfasts, and lunches and suppers of pasta, rice or cracked wheat dishes with wonderful vegetables, salads and fresh fruit. After lunch "sunbathing", a euphemism for the afternoon nap, on sunloungers or sprawling cushions is a prelude to afternoon (Turkish) tea. So relaxed is life on this cruise that smart travellers arrive with only a small bag of essentials — swimsuits, T-shirts, shorts, beach towel, toiletries. Shoes, needed only for trips ashore, are left in a basket on the aft deck.

Drawbacks seemed few: the lack of soundproofing, a surprising attack by vicious mosquitoes and, on the boat on which we travelled last year, pump-action lavatories that were not for the nervous. This year the cruises will be aboard a specially commissioned boat, the *Levante*, which boasts flush lavatories as well as air-conditioned cabins. The plus points are many: congenial company, guaranteed relaxation, comfort (wood-lined cabins with marvellous platform beds and ensuite shower room and lavatory), swimming and snorkelling several times a day and the chance to pick out future holiday destinations.

Kalkan, a busy, but not too busy, village, has plenty of charming places to stay but Kale is the place to take a house for a month in the autumn. Then the day-trip boats from Çayağazi are diminished, the days are still hot and the evenings cool enough to climb to the castle and look out to the beach on Kekova, on which the remains of a Byzantine chapel stand.

Kalkan fact file

☐ The authors travelled as guests of Savile Row Tours & Travel. A three-night gulet "mini-cruise", from Thursdays to Sundays, departs weekly from Kalkan from May 2 to October 24. It is designed to be added on to holidays in Kalkan, Kas or Kale. Flights are from Manchester or Gatwick (about four hours) to Dalaman, a two-and-a-half hour drive from Kalkan.

☐ *Price*: a three-night cruise, inclusive of meals, shore excursions, unlimited wine and soft drinks, in an air-conditioned double cabin costs £175 per person in May and October, rising to £200 in July and August. A child sharing a cabin with two adults, costs £60 in May/October, £90 in July/August. Flights are not included in these prices. In May, June and October single occupancy of a cabin (they are all doubles) is half price and under-16s can have their own cabin at half price if accompanied by two adults.

☐ A week at the Patara Prince Hotel at Kalkan, including flight, transfer, room and breakfast, starts from £399. Savile also offers pansiyon or self-catering accommodation in Kalkan, Kas and Kale. A self-catering week in a restored Greek cottage at Kalkan, with two sharing, starts from £379.

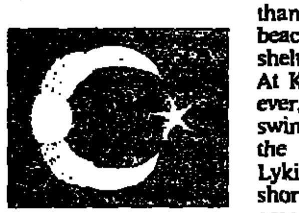
☐ Savile Row Tours & Travel, Savile House, 6 Blenheim Terrace, St John's Wood, London NW8 0EB (0171-625 3001, fax: 0171-625 8852).

Lazy days, empty bays

Sitting in the sun on a balcony overlooking an empty bay, watching a solitary boat cruise slowly into the tiny harbour of Kalkan, I realised why Turkey was the country which experienced the biggest increase in British tourists last year.

This idyllic part of Turkey's Lycian coast was the most beautiful, unspoilt bit of the Mediterranean I had found in more than 30 years of travels in France, Spain, Italy and the bigger Greek islands.

All I could see were the Taurus mountains and, set at the heart of the bay, the still tiny village of Kalkan — 200 houses, with narrow, cobbled streets tumbling down to the restaurants on the sea front and surrounded by sloping, wooded hills.



Kalkan is for those who want a peaceful holiday

The view from the balcony was from the elegant and exclusive five-star Patara Prince Hotel, part of the Club Patara complex situated on the hillside across the bay, which includes villas that can be rented separately. From Kalkan, Club Patara seems a jarring eyesore — although it will undoubtedly look better when it has aged and weathered and become part of the scenery.

The club, built six years ago, is modelled on a Roman town and includes a replica of the Roman triumphal arch that stands in nearby Patara, with a marble-floored Agora built round a fountain just inside the main entrance.

Once within, however, the experience is as if one were living in one of the villages perched in the Alps behind Nice, especially as you walk down through the terraces and the gardens of bougainvillea to swim or sunbathe from platforms by the sea.

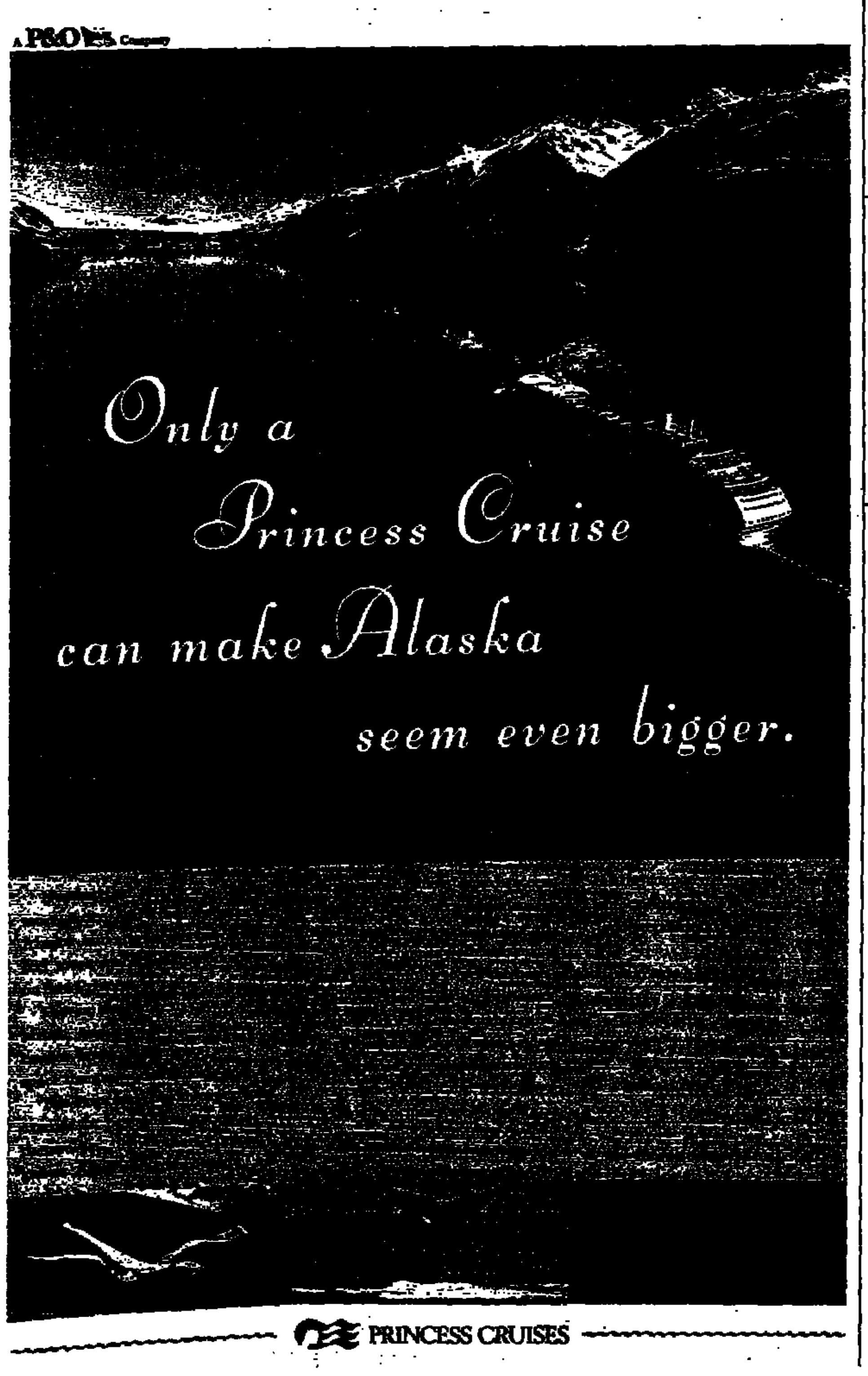
Club Patara is its own "village" with a main square, three restaurants and a café, three bars, two swimming pools, a sea sports and diving club, tennis club, health centre and sauna. All the rooms are air-conditioned, with balconies offering spectacular views out to sea and across to Kalkan.

Kalkan has been saved from the over-development elsewhere in Turkey — even though a big new road from the airport is coming ever closer — by its derisory pebbled beach. There are superb beaches within a 15-minute drive at Kapitas and especially Patara, which offers more than ten miles of beach in a lush, sheltered valley. At Kalkan, however, you can swim only from the rocks or at Lykia beach, a short boat ride across the bay, or from the Patara Prince Hotel. It is unlikely to get any big tourist hotels.

So this is a village for the traveller who wants a peaceful holiday, staying in small pensions and cottages or the Patara complex, perhaps enjoying a gulet cruise for a few days or visiting the ancient sights nearby — including Kekova and the nearby sunken city, the ruins of Xanthos, the stunning canyon at Saklikent, the rock tombs of Myra, the hill caves of Pinara, the sea caves of Lycia or the ghost town of Kaya — mixed with lazy days of swimming and reading.

The day at Kalkan ends with an alfresco meal at one of the string of restaurants along the harbour, all amazingly cheap by English standards, and afterwards a stroll through narrow streets and alleyways thronged with shops, and a nightcap overlooking the bay. Peace, perfect peace.

A P&O Company



PRINCESS CRUISES

direct line holidays
ABTA
TURKEY
0181 766 0100

Travellers' TALES with BALES

"Each time I have been on holiday with Bales I have always had a great time, culminating in my first trip to Jordan, when I had a ball."

MRS P. SMART, FIFE.

JORDAN

Let Bales be your travel guide to the world's most exotic and adventurous destinations. For the full story on Jordan, call for our free '96 brochure on:

01233 211307

Quoting Ref: (TT 13 1 1.)

ABTA V7047 ATOL 2682

HOT! £30

Potters Heron Hotel

Now you can take the break you've been looking for at a price that will really warm you up this winter!

From now until February 29th, we've dramatically cut the cost of a break at our excellent Hotels and Resorts. And that means great value has never been so affordable.

SAVE UP TO £100 WITH OUR HOT WINTER PRICES!

Stay for two, three or more nights at one of our friendly, intimate Hotels from only £30 per person, per night. Or at one of our luxurious Country Club Resorts from just £40 per person, per night.

Bedfordshire (Nr Bedford), Barns Hotel	(01234) 270044
Buckinghamshire (Nr Milton Keynes), Coach House	(01908) 613688
Canterbury, Falstaff Hotel	(01227) 462138
Constable Country (Nr Ipswich), Suffolk Grange Hotel	(01473) 272244
London (Elstree), Edgwarebury Hotel	(0181) 953 8227
Nene Valley (Nr Northampton), Heyford Manor Hotel	(01327) 349022
New Forest/Winchester, Potters Heron Hotel	(01703) 266611
Peak District (Nr Sheffield), Beauchief Hotel	(0114) 262 0500
Sherwood Forest, Clumber Park Hotel	(01623) 835333
South Cheshire (Nr Sandbach), Chimney House Hotel	(01270) 764141
Thames Valley (Nr Reading), Padworth Court Hotel	(01734) 714411
The Potteries (Stone), Stone House Hotel	(01785) 815531
Warwick, Honiley Court Hotel	(01926) 484234
Warwickshire (Nr Coventry), Coventry Knight Hotel	(01203) 301585
West Yorkshire (Nr Leeds), Tong Village Hotel	(01132) 854646
Worcestershire (Nr Birmingham), Westmead Hotel	(0121) 445 1202
Yorkshire Dales (Nr Ilkley), Hollings Hall Hotel	(01274) 530053
Yorkshire Pennines (Nr Huddersfield), Old Golf House	(01422) 379311

HOT! £40

Tudor Park Hotel

Country Club Resort guests also receive complimentary Leisure Club membership and the chance to play golf on one of our top championship courses†.

ALL PRICES INCLUDE A FULL TRADITIONAL BREAKFAST AND 3 COURSE DINNER.

Bristol, Redwood Lodge Hotel *	(01275) 393901
Chichester, Goodwood Park Hotel †*	(01243) 775537
Cotswolds (Tewkesbury), Tewkesbury Park Hotel †*	(01684) 295405
Garden of England (Nr Maidstone), Tudor Park †*	(01622) 734334
Nr Peak District (Derby), Breadsall Priory Hotel †*	(01332) 832235
Ribble Valley (Nr Preston), Broughton Park Hotel *	(01772) 864087
Winchester/Portsmouth, Meon Valley Hotel †*	(01329) 833455

HOT! £50

St. Pierre Hotel

To take advantage of these very special prices, you must book by January 24th as room availability for this offer is strictly limited. So don't miss out, call the hotel of your choice or our special HOTLINE now.

Edinburgh, Dalmahoy Hotel †*	(0131) 333 1845
Warwickshire (Nr Coventry), Forest of Arden Hotel †*	(01676) 522335
Wye Valley (Nr Chepstow), St. Pierre Hotel †*	(01291) 625261

* Country Club Resorts
† Golf is available at these Resorts for an extra charge.

BOOK BY JANUARY 24TH.
CALL OUR HOTLINE NOW ON
01582 56 78 99

quoting "Hot Winter Offer". Lines open this Saturday and Sunday from 10am-4pm. Monday to Friday from 8.30am-6pm.

Prices quoted are per person, per night for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast. These Breaks are subject to strictly limited availability and apply only to twin or double room occupancy on a minimum 2 night stay. Single rooms can only be booked in conjunction with a twin/double room and a supplement may apply. Offer applies weekdays and weekends. Offer excludes Hanbury Manor and Trendelberg Hotels. No other offer or special promotions can be used in conjunction with this promotion. Offer ends February 29th 1996.

CCH
COUNTRY CLUB
Hotel Group

AMERICA: Leave the children behind — at Disney World you can drink, get married or have a wild time

Magic kingdom where adults can go goofy

Walt Disney World *without* the kids? Surely the whole point of the 27,000-acre theme park resort outside Orlando in central Florida is all about giving the children a good time with Mickey Mouse and friends? Leaving them behind seems something that only Cruella de Vil would do, and perhaps even she wouldn't be so cold-hearted.

But apparently visiting the world's most popular tourist attraction — it pulls in about 30 million visitors a year, with approaching one million from Britain alone — is something that many people prefer to do without children. Four out of every ten adult visitors, according to Disney statistics, go without their offspring.

Adults on their own discover that there is more to the resort than just theme parks. Last weekend, for example, some 12,000 people joined in the annual Disney full-length marathon; later this month Disney is hosting its first Indy car race on a specially built track.

Disney World is also becoming *the* place for Americans to wed, and at least one British couple every week ties the knot there. And as a honeymoon destination, Disney World has overtaken the Caribbean and Far East.

But the clearest sign yet that Disney is not just for kids comes from the new Disney Institute opening shortly. This is a resort-within-a-resort which offers educational courses — everything from music appreciation to gourmet cooking — in a college-style campus with its own cinema, sports complex, bungalows and townhouses. Children under ten are not encouraged, while those up to age 17 are offered only a limited range of programmes to join in. But what *does* the resort offer for adults without kids? Quite a lot actually. The place is huge — about the size of Manchester. Apart from the three major theme parks, there are also three waterparks, a nature reserve, five championship golf courses (plus a practice course), 20 on-site hotels, every type of water sport, fishing, yachting, horse-riding, tennis, seven nightclubs, a multiplex cinema and the world's largest Planet Hollywood restaurant.

Most people's perception of Disney World is based on the Magic Kingdom, the original theme park which was built 25 years ago (Disney World celebrates its silver jubilee in October), and dominated by Cinderella's castle.

There are two problems with the Magic Kingdom if you are an adult on your own: there are too many children around and it is the only theme park that does not serve alcoholic drinks. Contrary to popular opinion, Disney is not dry: drink is served throughout Disney World apart from the Magic Kingdom. In fact Disney annually hosts a prestigious wine festival of American-produced wines.

Of course you have to go to the Magic Kingdom, but many of the attractions are tame for adults, and the queues — especially for the rides in Fantasyland, which you can miss out entirely — can be horrendous. Make a quick tour of the park to capture the flavour of the quintessential Disney experience but head for Space Mountain, still regarded as the top ride.

Something of an enigma, the ride is slow (just 28mph) and the track has none of the twists, turns and loops that make virtually every other rollercoaster a more scary experience. (The Disneyland Paris version, for example, sends you upside down three times.) But what sets Orlando's Space Mountain apart in the folklore of rollercoasters is the fact that not only does it operate in almost total darkness, but Disney's skill in building up the tension to what, in daylight, would be a very tame ride indeed.

The only other rollercoaster in Disney World is Big Thunder Mountain. Ride it at night when the evening parade is on and try to get in the last third of the train, where the experience is more thrilling. The other ride not to be missed is Splash Mountain, although you have to endure a lot of audio animatronic rabbits and bears singing "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" before you get to the 52ft drop at 40mph down a water chute.

Having exhausted the Magic Kingdom by mid-afternoon, catch a small ferry across to the Grand Floridian Hotel and head for the bar at Narcoossee's, where you can sit in peace overlooking the man-made Seven Seas Lagoon with a quiet beer.

Alternatively, and especially at night, try the bar at the new California Grill restaurant (evocative of the style of London's Caprice) on top of the hideous-looking Contemporary Resort Hotel. The view stretches across the Magic Kingdom and is a great place to watch the nightly fireworks.

The other two major theme parks — Epcot and the Disney/MGM Studios — pose no problems for adults since they are aimed to appeal to older children and adults alike. Epcot is in two halves: Future World, which has a series of pavilions depicting technological progress, although the problem is that the pace of change is so fast that they soon become dated. The Universe of Energy, for example, still presents nuclear energy as the great panacea for economic growth although, thankfully, the attraction is being revised this year with the gung-ho promotion of a nuclear world toned down.

If you want a laugh, watch the *Making of Me* film in the Wonders of Life pavilion to see how Disney manages to avoid any meaningful attempts at sex education. The second half of Epcot is World Showcase, 11 national pavilions in a sort of mini-world's fair located around a lagoon. Best places for a relaxing drink: try a frozen Margarita overlooking the water by the Mexican pavilion, or have a home-from-home pint of beer (Bass) at the Rose & Crown pub in the imitation United Kingdom.

The Disney/MGM Studios show how movies are made and what it is like to be in them. A very adult park with the best attraction being the revamped *Twilight Zone Tower of Terror* which drops you down a 13-storey lift shaft, twice.

Night-time fun for adults at Disney World centres on Pleasure Island, an evening entertainment complex with seven clubs — ranging from a comedy club to a Stringfellows-style disco — and several restaurants. Children are allowed into most of the clubs but you have to prove that you are over 21 to get a drink. (Carry your passport with you, even if you know you won't see the right side of 30 again.)

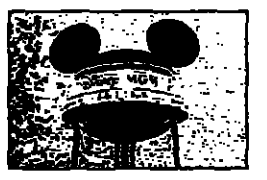
Perhaps recognising that its culture does not easily encourage the raunchy and sophisticated catering that such a complex needs, Disney is this year importing outside restaurants to liven the place up, including celebrity eateries established by such stars as Gloria Estefan, Dan Aykroyd and Jim Belushi.

The existing ten-screen cinema complex is being expanded with an additional 14 screens, and other nightclubs are planned. Also opening this summer is a second entertainment complex called Disney's BoardWalk, close to Epcot, which is seeking to recreate the American amusement parks of the 1930s and 1940s, such as the one at Coney Island, New York.

The Disney experience is not to everyone's taste, and the absence of children with you forces an evaluation of just what else the resort has to offer. Disney is committed to broadening its appeal to all ages, believing that the future trend in holidays is towards a more controlled and secure environment where the thrills are carefully rationed and every aspect of the experience can be defined.

Not surprisingly, the next big expansion at Disney World is the Wild Animal Kingdom in 1998. Among the many attractions it will offer is an African safari but with audio animatronic animals rather than the real thing. And with only just over a third of Disney World's available land developed so far, there is a lot more to come.

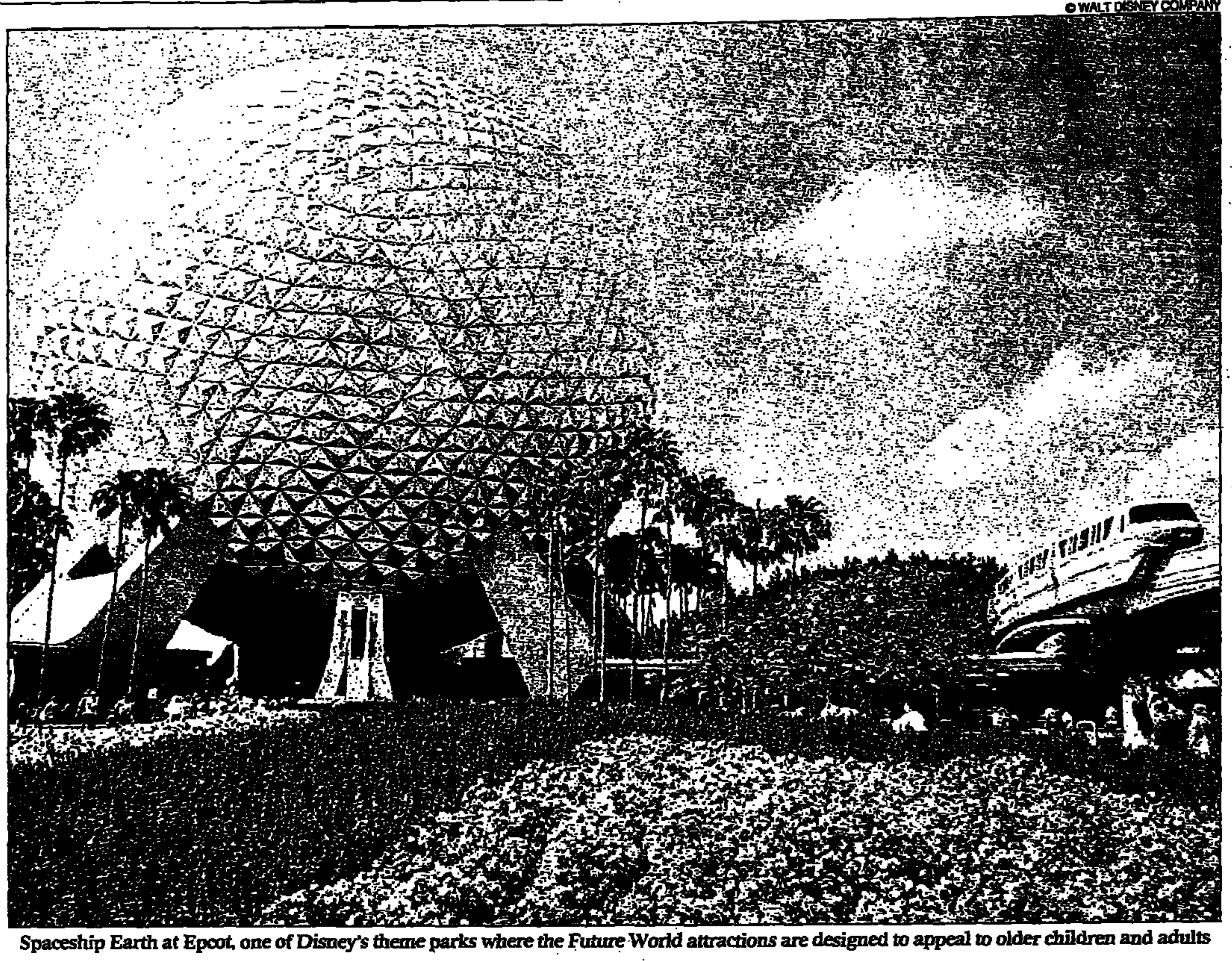
DAVID CHURCHILL



Getting there

☐ The author was a guest of Walt Disney World, staying at the Dixie Landings Resort hotel. Prices, including return airfares, for seven nights for two adults sharing a room with a five-day admission pass each starts at £759 per person with Virgin Holidays (01293 617181). Or £815 per person with Bridge Travel Group (01992 456101). BA Holidays offers a seven-night package without passes at the same hotel for £609 per person (01293 723111).

☐ A free Disney World video is available from 0990 000000.


© WALT DISNEY COMPANY

Spaceship Earth at Epcot, one of Disney's theme parks where the Future World attractions are designed to appeal to older children and adults

NEW ZEALAND.
BUY ONE RETURN
GET ANOTHER FOR
£369.

WHO BUYS WHICH? WE DON'T MIND. BUT DO IT SOON.

Buy a return ticket for £980 and get a second for only £369 if you book before 15th February 1996. You can both look forward to Air New Zealand's award-winning in-flight service. And New Zealand? A lifetime of browsing through brochures couldn't prepare you. You've seen mesmerising photos of its mountains, beaches, forests and fiords and the exhilarating activities they're home to. The offer is valid for outward travel between 16th April and 15th June 1996 but be quick – seats are limited. See your travel agent or call 01932 859811 for your free information pack on this special airfare and other great offers for your holiday in New Zealand.

Once you've sorted out who pays the £369... Who carries the luggage?

air new zealand
the pride of the pacific

Sail to adventure

If you have ever dreamed of sailing on a Tall Ship, standing on the deck with acres of canvas flying above you - LOOK NO FURTHER!

Experience the adventure of a lifetime on board the famous 3-masted Schooners SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL and Scotland's own MALCOLM MILLER.

Whether it's climbing way above the deck to handle the square sails or steering these majestic vessels - *you certainly won't be bored!*

These magnificent vessels visit many Northern Continental ports between Norway and France.

All voyages qualify for the Residential Section of the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Scheme.

No previous sailing experience or special equipment required.

If you are aged between 16 and 24, or 24 and 69, please contact -

SAIL TRAINING ASSOCIATION,
2A THE HARD,
PORTSMOUTH
PO1 3PT
TEL: (01705) 816694
FAX: (01705) 815769

STA

A Registered Charity No. 314229

Along Sweden's east coast lies a necklace of some 24,000 islands, skerries and islets – the Stockholm Archipelago. During summer, Swedes revere this magical and peaceful place and its environs, where they can rejuvenate after their long winters.

Our eight day journey is a rare chance to share in an ongoing summer celebration that is very much part of the Swedish soul. Join them as they swim, fish, bicycle or just bask in the summer warmth and clear light that have been an inspiration to the country's artists and writers.

Join us as we explore this magical realm, focusing on the Archipelago and some other Swedish gems. And, for four of those days your small party will have the exclusive use of our 49 passenger 'Swedish Islander'. Days will be spent cruising through the islands and each night you will stay ashore in charming and historic small country inns and hotels.

IMPRESSIONS OF A SWEDISH SUMMER

ITINERARY OUTLINE

DAY 1 London (Heathrow) - Stockholm with SAS. Stay 2 nights in Sweden's picturesque and oldest spa town of Soderkoping at the delightful Romantik Hotel.

DAY 2 Explore the Gota Canal and St Anna's Archipelago aboard the hotel's private launch. Later visit Eknon island, sail or bicycle back to the hotel.

DAY 3 Scenic drive to Trosa visiting the famous Reijmyre glass factory on the way. Explore the lovely 18th century palace at Tullgarn with its beautiful gardens. Stay 2 nights at the Romantik Hotel in the square at Trosa.

DAY 4 Embark the Swedish Islander and cruise through the Archipelago stopping for nature-trail walks (wildflowers, birdwatching) and a barbecue lunch.

DAY 5 Cruise the islands of the central Stockholm archipelago, a haven for wildlife. Here there will be an opportunity to walk, fish or just relax in this wonderfully untouched scenery. Stay 2 nights at the magnificently restored turn of the century Grand Hotel Saltsjobaden.

DAY 6 Sail to Bullero Island purchased by the painter Bruno Liljefors for the purpose of studying the birdlife. Explore the island and the museum and sail on to Moja a large island ideal for walking and cycling. See the church, bakery and smokehouse.

DAY 7 Glorious Stockholm is on the horizon this morning. After lunch sail to Mariefred on Lake Malaren. Visit Gripsholm Palace, perhaps bicycle through the Royal Deer Park, horseback riding or a round of golf. Stay overnight at Gripsholms Vardhus, Sweden's oldest inn dating back to 1609.

DAY 8 Stockholm - London with SAS. Alternatively, stay on for a few days in Stockholm.

1996 DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

19,23,27,31 May; 4,8,12,16,20,24,28 June; 2,6,10,14,18,22,26,30 July; 3,7,11,15,19,23,27,31 August

Per person in twin bedded room	£1569
Single room supplement	£295

Prices subject to surcharge. Ports subject to change.

Price includes: Economy class air travel Heathrow-Stockholm return, 7 nights accommodation at first class inns, breakfast daily, 4 dinners, 6 lunches, excursions, entrance fees, transportation aboard the Swedish Islander, transfers, hotel gratuities, tour leader.

Not included: Travel insurance, UK departure tax £5, tips to ship's crew.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Please telephone 0171-409 0376 (7 days a week)

NOBLE CALEDONIA LIMITED

11 CHARLES STREET, MAYFAIR, LONDON W1X 8LE
TELEPHONE 0171-409 0376 FACSIMILE 0171-409 0834
24 HOUR BROCHURE ANSWERPHONE 0171-355 1424
ATOL 3308
ABTA V321X

هكذا من الأصل

POLAND: Rural tranquillity and urban grandeur in a region possessed by the memories of modern history

Ghosts of war and peace

Only after I returned from northeast Poland did I realise what had so baffled, even troubled, me. It was this: how could a landscape which has been a crucible of almost constant turbulence in our century still appear to be frozen in another, more timeless and tranquil, age? It is a paradox that recurs wherever one turns in this absorbing country.

In Poland, as the historian Simon Schama says, frontiers have marched back and forth to the command of history. Nowhere is this more so than in the north east, on which soil — at various times Lithuanian, German and Russian as well as Polish — so much modern history has been enacted. Here Russian military disaster at Tannenberg in 1914 helped to provoke revolution; here 30 years later in the Wolfschanze, or Wolf's Lair, Hitler came face to face with defeat; here, in the shipyards of Gdansk, the seeds were sown for the dissolution of the Soviet empire.

And yet on an early summer's day, these same fields of former east Prussia showed a scene unchanged and pastoral: a horse pulling the plough, a peasant farmer and his wife working shoulder to shoulder in the field and, near by, their cottage, its interior dark and low but welcoming around the wood-burning tile stove in the kitchen.

I had gone to northern Poland at the invitation of an old friend, a former colleague turned innkeeper in the lake region of Kashubia. It seemed an improbable destiny for a journalistic veteran of the conflicts in Beirut and El Salvador but, at ease among the neighbouring farmers, exchanging jokes in Polish — a language in which the consonants tumble into one another in impenetrable confusion — he was clearly at home.

The village in which we were staying lay half an hour's drive west of Gdansk. This Hanseatic gem, formerly Danzig, saw the opening shots of the Second World War — a German battleship opening fire on the city some hours before Hitler's army invaded. Nevertheless, the city weathered the war passably well until 1945, when it was utterly destroyed in the Russian advance.

Adam Koperkiewicz, head of the local history museum, is justifiably proud of the work that has restored Gdansk to something approaching its former glory. Now that the Dutch-style façades along the lovely Market Square have been rebuilt, and the ghosts of Nazi and Soviet oppression banished, he and other influential local citizens are looking to Gdansk's millennium celebrations in 1997 as an opportunity to prove that the city can recapture the spirit of cosmopolitan culture and ethnic tolerance it once enjoyed at the heart of the Hanseatic League.

The road to Hitler's bunker is through rye fields and forests

Artus Court epitomises old Danzig. One of the most handsome of the baroque 16th-century structures in Market Square, it was the forum of local merchants and civic leaders and was named in honour of the ideal of communal living represented by Arthurian legend. The large and magnificent tile stove in the corner, only recently restored, is like a vast multi-layered wedding cake, composed of hundreds of portraits of local burghers: Christians, Jews and even Muslims. According to Dr Koperkiewicz, when a king of Poland once chided the Danzigers for being too susceptible to outside influences, they pointed to the stove as evidence of the strength of diversity.

Reminders of the turmoil of the past are never far away, however. A few minutes' walk from the street cafés of the old port and the stalls selling Baltic amber stands the shipyard monument to the memory of workers killed in the anti-communist riots of 1970. Ten years later, the Solidarity union was formed and the Soviet empire was presented for the first time with an immovable dissident force.

Today's visitor searches in vain for a whiff of those heady days. The shipyard where workers confronted the communist state is barely in operation. Business at the Solidarity souvenir booth was so slack that the woman behind the counter became positively animated at the approach of potential customers, but all she had on show were a few old *Solidarnosc* badges. Even the spiritual home of the struggle, St Bridget's Church, where Lech Walesa and other Solidarity activists sheltered and worshipped, had an abandoned air, being closed during the week.

A far more potent landscape lies about four hours' drive to the east, in the lake region of Mazuria.

To reach Hitler's bunker at the Wolfschanze you have to hire a car, but the journey there is repaid by an encounter with perhaps the last remaining architectural artefact with the troubling power to lay bare Nazi psychology.

Once again the paradoxes are haunting. The road to this monument to evil winds through achingly lovely country, the landscape of Schubert's *Winterreise* and Beethoven's Sixth Symphony, rye fields that sway in the breeze and forests of beech, oak and linden. Many of the lakes of Kashubia and Mazuria, great rents in the countryside left by glaciers, contain water pure enough for human consumption. At Malbork stands a medieval castle, built around 1270 by the Teutonic Knights, which retains a moat and drawbridge.

Amid this pastoral scene, as early as 1940 Hitler began building his headquarters for the eastern front. To maintain the secrecy of the project, thousands of slave-labourers employed in its construction were silenced. Their bodies, along with the countless dead of Tannenberg, are enfolded in the soil of Mazuria.

Three days after invading Russia in June 1941, Hitler moved to the Wolfschanze and remained there almost constantly until late 1944. The lair then had the population of a small town, although covering only a few acres and concealed in thick forest near Kertzyn. The site is chillingly apt. As Schama has written in *Landcape and Memory*, while in the Polish psyche forests have traditionally represented the struggle for national freedom, in Germany they embodied the militaristic spirit.

Besides barracks, a communication centre, a secretarial room and a cinema, the lair consists of the personal bunkers of senior Nazis: Göring, Jodl, Keitel and Hitler himself. Built on a pharaonic scale, these hideous monoliths testify to Nazi paranoia. Although never in fact attacked — Hitler was long gone by the time the Russians swept through — they were built to withstand Armageddon. Walls and ceilings were made of steel-reinforced concrete 30ft thick, and the captors' attempts to blast it into oblivion were a failure.

So, tragically, was the belated German opposition to Hitler. A plaque near the entrance to the complex marks the spot where a bomb left by Count Claus von Stauffenberg in a conference room exploded on July 20, 1944. Hitler's survival meant more lives were lost in the last year of war than had died in the previous five.

In time, no doubt, this remote and disturbing site will be developed as a tourist attraction. At present, one emerges alone from the ruins into the sunlight, and gives thanks for the comparative blessings enjoyed by our own islands in this turbulent century.

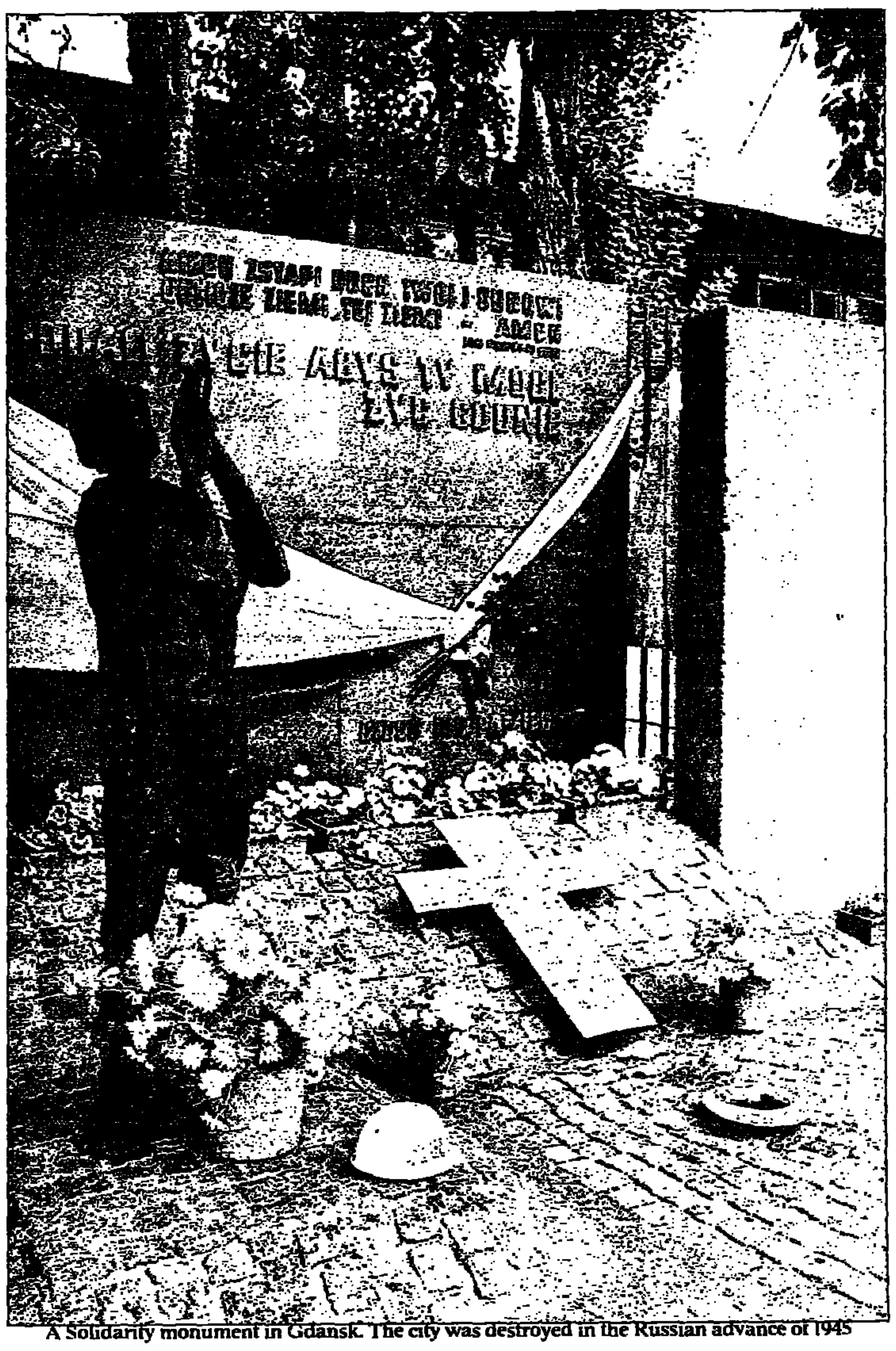
STEPHEN TAYLOR

Poland: how to get there, where to stay

☐ *The author was a guest of Lot Polish Airlines (0171-580 5037), and Kania* **Lodge, Kartuzy (tel/fax: 00 48 9050274l). Lot flies direct from Heathrow to Gdansk** *on Saturdays in winter, with an additional flight on Monday from April: also* **daily to Warsaw. Off-peak return £215 to Gdansk.**

☐ **Kania Lodge, near Gdansk, offers rooms on** *the banks of a Kashubian lake,* **self-catering or with meals. £280 per week for a couple in a one-bed apartment in** *summer, £190 in winter: £415 for a two-bed apartment in summer, £270 in* **winter. Contact Kania Lodge, Skr. Poczt 5, 83-300 Kartuzy, Poland.**

SUE FOLL



A Solidarity monument in Gdansk. The city was destroyed in the Russian advance of 1945

We think about your holiday as much as you do.

The moment you choose a British Airways Holiday, you can start anticipating the pleasure of a well-deserved break.

Wherever you choose to go, we've already been there. So, why not do something a little more exotic than you did last year, like riding an elephant to explore the undiscovered East? It's just one of the many spectacular experiences you can enjoy when you take a holiday with us.

Our access to worldwide scheduled flights means we can offer you the widest range of destinations. This gives you the flexibility to travel when you want. You can choose the day of your departure as well as the length of holiday that suits you best. To find out more about our exciting range of holidays, call 01455 852525 and we'll send you our Worldwide brochure or visit your ABTA travel agent.

You'll soon discover that nobody understands the world traveller better.

BRITISH AIRWAYS HOLIDAYS

SKIING: Pick of the Alpine and American resorts ideal for intermediates, plus snowboarding technique

NUNN SYNDICATION

The Prince of Wales tries snowboarding at Klosters

All aboard for the new sensation

SNOWBOARDERS were appalled this week that instructors in the Swiss resort of Klosters put the Prince of Wales and Prince Harry on snowboards wearing ski boots.

Most snowboarders wear soft boots and ride freestyle boards, which are rounded at both ends so that the rider can do 180° turns.

The whole body is used in executing the turns, so conventional ski clothing can be too constricting. Baggy-pants trousers, with waterproofed bottoms and knees, are more the snowboard fashion accessory.

Devoted snowboarders urge beginners to start with freestyle boards and argue that the soft boots, which are like high hiking boots and are held on the board by straps, give them a better feel for the snow.

Some skiers who have switched to snowboarding prefer hard boots which are made of plastic, like ski boots, and clip into bindings on the board.

The Prince was on such a board but was handicapped by wearing ski boots which were too high, too stiff and designed for the skier to lean forwards.

At the age of 47, the Prince was a late starter but, by persevering, he would have been able to master the sport after three days of tumbles, as most novices do.

The snowboarding technique requires the weight to be put on the front foot while the back foot (the "feeling foot") steers the board into the turn. Within an hour, most people can turn in one direction, usually leaning into the slope, and by the second day can turn both ways.

Snowboards cannot go as fast as skis and there is less to go wrong, so it can be argued that it is the safer of the two sports.

SOME predict that in ten years snowboarders will equal or exceed the number of skiers worldwide. This season, virtually every leading British ski-tour operator tried to entice snowboarders.

Crystal, which produces a dedicated brochure, estimates that up to 40,000 Britons will go on snowboarding holidays this winter, the average age of clients being 15 to 24.

With growing enthusiasm for the sport, about 8,000 snowboards have been sold this winter in Britain, against an estimated 16,000 pairs of skis.

GRAHAM DUFFILL

Why Compromise?
You shouldn't have to settle for a second rate ski holiday just because you're booking late.
- Computer search for up to the minute availability in all resorts
- Access to all major operators
- Expert advice from ski specialists
- Bookings by Switch or credit card

Phone now 01733 33 55 13
Open:
9am-7pm Mon-Fri,
9am-5pm Sat
10am-4pm Sun
SKI DIRECT
DIRECT
ABTA no. 29653
There will be a £1 charge per person for credit card bookings. For Customer Service reasons, calls may be recorded.

Pistes that pass the non-stop cruise test

The intermediate skier is that marketing man's mythical creature who inhabits the middle ground. Resorts go to ridiculous, and sometimes irresponsible lengths to redraw their piste maps, hoping to get the right mix of red intermediate pistes versus blue beginner or black expert runs.

What most intermediate skiers — quite confident about standing up and going straight but not too happy in bumps or narrow steeps — really like is non-stop cruising on pistes groomed to carpet-like smoothness. Indeed, there are few more pleasant sensations.

Naturally enough, this kind of skiing quickly becomes tedious if repeated underneath the same chairlift. Nothing gives an intermediate a greater thrill than skiing overland with a destination in mind, be it to lunch or across the border to another country.

France is the nation which has perfected this kind of skiing. Les Arcs, La Plagne and, most spectacularly, the 600km arena of Les Trois Vallées are all skiing regions with residential sites at various altitudes, typically built right on the ski slopes, so that the ultimate convenience of skiing back to your door at the end of the day is generally possible.

In the development of the high-speed detachable chairlift carrying four to six people, the intermediate skier has met his match. Seldom seen in Europe but ubiquitous in America, such lifts speed skiers so quickly up the slopes, with so little time to rest in queues or on the ride, that many holidaymakers of average fitness and skiing ability have found that, whereas they used to ski until the lifts closed late in the afternoon, they are now done in by lunchtime.

Not every resort, despite its claims of red-graded piste, is good for intermediates. Verbier, Chamonix and St Anton all promise red runs over extensive terrain, but all include steep, icy and bumpy sections which irritate and endanger less experienced intermediates. Here is my selection of resorts which should be more enjoyable.

DOUG SAGER

DOUG SAGER

Tight turn: Runs like this in Verbier are fine for experts, but most skiers of moderate ability seek safer conditions

BEST INTERMEDIATE RESORTS

AMERICA

Vail / Beaver Creek, *Colorado*

Although no American resorts are truly interlinked in the sense of the Trois Vallées in France, America's biggest resort, Vail, shares a liftpass with nearby Beaver Creek and the boutique ski area of Arrowhead, the latter two scheduled for a connecting lift next season.

Beaver Creek has the best groomed pistes in the world. Almost all Vail's extensive terrain is open to a European intermediate, because, believe it or not, the level of expertise in America is below that of even the average Briton. Vail's fabled "back bowls" too, though ungroomed off piste, are in large part easy enough for beginner powder skiers.

CANADA

Lake Louise, Alberta

Canada's largest resort caters mainly for weekending families, with an emphasis on wide-open runs where there is always a groomed alternative to bumps. Weekdays are blissfully uncrowded, and there is a ten-minute money back guarantee against queues, the like of which you will never see in the Alps. Guides escort skiers, free of charge, to the best groomed runs of the day.

ITALY

Superski Dolomiti

So large, and so little known by British skiers, the world's most extensive ski circus stretches from Merano, near the Swiss border, across the northern German-speaking part of Italy to the queen of the Alps, Cortina d'Ampezzo — about 1,200km of pistes with more than 450 lifts and double the size of the Trois Vallées.

Aside from the mainstream resorts, the Superski Dolomiti skipass, the best value in Europe at £101 for six days, covers scores of charming hideaway family resorts and the glacier area of Val Senales, with one of the longest skiing seasons and the highest mountain hotel in the Alps. But getting around requires a car.

Courmayeur

Not one of the largest skiing areas in the Alps, but ideally intermediate and with its own uphill access to the Vallée Blanche. It has an off-piste itinerary over five glaciers and down about 20km into Chamonix which any average skier can accomplish, if accompanied by a certified mountain guide, and which any skier of any level will count as a magical experience. The resort is in the expert category when it comes to mountain restaurants.

FRANCE

Trois Vallées: Méribel, Courchevel, Val Thorens

The playground of the Alps with most British skiers, who adore the efficiency of its interlinked cable cars and chairlifts and who profess not to get bored on the endless acres of impeccably groomed irretrievably easy pistes.

Courchevel is devoid of couloirs (steep, narrow descents) but its chalets are chic and in the village at 1,850m, which is the only place to stay for the cognoscenti, snow generally covers timbered roofs and lightly trafficked roadways all winter.

Méribel is more downmarket but convenient for taking best advantage of the skiing region.

The no-frills flats of Val Thorens, the highest "resort" in the Alps, function as the best-value venue for quick in-and-out skiing — from chalet doorstep to piste-side to doorstep.

L'Espace Killy: Val *d'Isère/Tignes*

Probably the best mix of intermediate-to-expert terrain in the Alps, and ideal for the improving skier who wants to be able to relax on long cruising runs between tests. The space named after Jean Claude Killy is jam-packed with British skiers from Christmas to Easter.

Intermediates used to grooming standards in Courchevel will find L'Espace Killy pistes considerably more *au naturel*, and Tignes an interesting rival in ugliness to Les Menuires in the Trois Vallées. But all members of the family can ski together in Val/Tignes, and in the process learn a lot about what skiing is all about.

Portes du Soleil

A loose collection of about a dozen villages along the Swiss-French border, only just linked together in places by bus and telecabine connections. This is, none the less, the gateway to one of life's best intermediate adventures.

Avoriaz typifies the French wood-over-concrete tower-block construction in the middle of a snowfield, and nearby Champery is an old-fashioned single-street Swiss station so low down you can never count on skiing home. Wherever one stays, the Portes offer innumerable excursions of discovery, never skiing the same piste twice, and almost all in the easy to intermediate class.

SWITZERLAND

Klosters / Davos

The Parsenn snowfields, open and rolling in easy downhill runs, were the first haunts of British skiers and remain ideal for above-the-tree line skiing on cruise control.

Weekend queues are the only challenge to unlimited intermediate skiing on pistes generally groomed to an adequate standard.

Although the lift system is showing its age, as elsewhere in Switzerland, the variety of runs down to outlying villages, past good mountain inns, will keep curious intermediates going up again and again without any sense of repetition.

Flims-Laax

One of Switzerland's best interconnected skiing regions, the Flims area is still chiefly a Swiss secret.

Waldhaus, the best place to stay, is an old-fashioned village with picture-postcard hotels, one of which is set in a huge park with underground tunnels connecting buildings constructed in widely different styles.

Aside from scenic bands of cliffs, most of the terrain lacks serious steeps. And piste maintenance is better than at many Swiss resorts.

AUSTRIA

Ischgl

A village of typical Tyrolean charm, Ischgl shows no signs down below of the cross-border skiing network spread across 200km of pistes on the Silvretta skipass.

Skiing over to Samnaum in Switzerland for duty-free shopping has long been a particular treat with intermediates looking for an excuse for long-range roaming. But now the Swiss have announced that duty free status for Samnaun will gradually be phased out.

Still, Ischgl's upper arena offers flattering skiing, many black runs easy enough for intermediates, to compensate for declining shopping opportunities.

Ski tour operators for intermediates

☐ *Ski Independence* (0131-557 8555) for Vail in America and Lake Louise in Alberta, with flights to Denver by Martinair from Amsterdam.

☐ Swiss Travel Service (01992 456123) has experience in Klosters / Davos as well as Flims / Laax, where few operators go, and offers automatic luggage transfer to all Swiss resorts, including Champéry in the Portes du Soleil.

☐ Ski *Esprit* (01252 616789) has the most comprehensive child-minding programme of any operator, with chalets in Courchevel and Morzine in the Portes du Soleil.

☐ Flexiski (0171-352 0044) is the expert operator for short breaks and corporate skiing in Courchevel.

☐ Bladon Lines (0181-780 8800) appears to be the best established and most experienced chalet and hotel operator in Courmayeur.

☐ Inghams (0181-780 4444) wins high marks for its hotel accommodation in Ischgl.

INDIA
FOR THE BEST HOLIDAYS TO INDIA
TRANS INDUS LTD
Tailormade holiday specialists
0181-566 2729
Fully bonded tour operator Northumberland House, Popes Lane, London W5 4NG. Fax: 0181-840 5327
ABTA V0705

In our experience, there is no better way to enjoy Egypt.

SAVE UP TO 10% OFF

For over 125 years Thomas Cook have been taking people on tours of Egypt. We provide a standard of elegance and luxury other operators merely aspire to. Yet our prices remain extremely affordable. So take advantage of our experience and visit Egypt with confidence, in the company of one of the most trusted names in the world. Thomas Cook Holidays in Egypt cover a vast selection of escorted tours and independent holidays. Our brochure also features the biblical lands of Jordan and Israel.

Voted 'BEST LONG HAUL TOUR OPERATOR' by WISH YOU WERE HERE MAGAZINE.

The Magnificent Nile.
A 14 day fully escorted tour from £1195.
A luxury cruise, sumptuous hotel accommodation and sights that will take your breath away. On our Magnificent Nile tour your first stop will be Cairo and the Pyramids. Then it's on to Luxor and Aswan, sailing for 10 nights on your luxury floating hotel. When, accompanied by a professional Egyptologist, an Egyptian guide and a highly qualified Thomas Cook Tour Manager, you'll visit some of the most fantastic sights of the ancient world.

Treasures of the Nile.
A 10 day fully escorted tour from £795.
Spend five days sailing the Nile aboard one of the most sumptuous crafts on the river, one of the Thomas Cook fleet. Combine this unashamed luxury with nights in first class hotels at Cairo and Luxor. From Giza to Aswan, from Karnak to Kom Ombo, a panorama of ancient Pharaonic tombs, temples and monuments will unfold before your eyes. And every step of the way you will be accompanied by an experienced Thomas Cook Tour Manager and a highly qualified Egyptian guide.

COOK'S TOURS EGYPT
Your holiday price includes
Scheduled flights ☑
Full board on the cruise portion of your tour ☑
Top quality accommodation ☑
Services of an experienced Tour Manager ☑
Cooks Connections - reduced costs to Heathrow airport ☑
All specified excursions ☑
Guaranteed no surcharges ☑

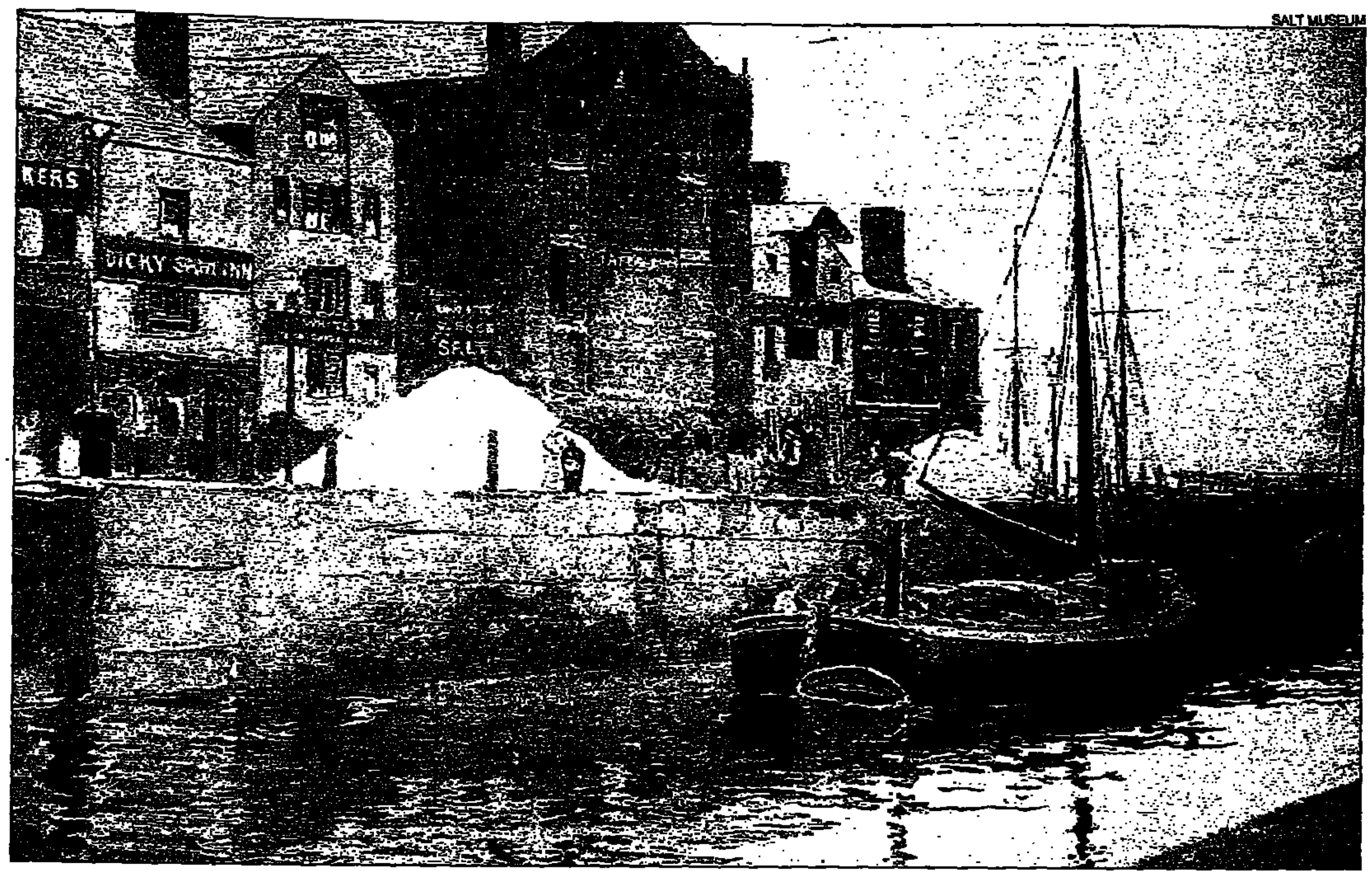
To request a brochure, or book your tour, call Thomas Cook Holidays free on

☐ Please send me your 32 page full colour brochure on Cook's Tours of Egypt for 1996.
Complete this coupon and send it to: Thomas Cook Holidays, FREEPOST (PE1095), P.O. Box 300, Peterborough, PE1 5BR (no stamp required) or take this coupon to your nearest Thomas Cook Shop. Alternatively, call us free on 0800 88 12 12. These tours and many more are featured in our 1996 Cook's Tours of Egypt brochure.
Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms________Name________
(Please delete)
Address________
____
________Postcode________
Telephone (________) ________
When do you intend to book your Egyptian holiday? Month ☐☐ Year ☐☐
When do you intend to actually travel? Month ☐☐ Year ☐☐
Age ________ (yrs)
To enjoy discounts, Thomas Cook Recommended Insurance must be purchased at the time of booking. Discounts are not retrospective. They are also subject to status and may be withdrawn without notice.
Thomas Cook Holidays

هكذا من الأصل

CHESHIRE: On the Salt Trail, which dates from Roman times; and a walk around enchanted Alderley Edge

SALT MUSEUM



For centuries Cheshire's salt trade relied on barges for transport — from a painting by Carlton Grant (1885) at the Salt Museum

Exploring the crystal maze

In 1880, there were 800 salt pans in Northwich, turning the town into a giant cauldron of steam and smoke, as coal fires boiled the brine. The last pan closed in 1928, but we saw one being restored at the Lion Salt Works, midway along the Salt Trail. Cheshire's Salt Trail is triangular and takes in Winsford, Middlewich and Northwich, 13 miles by car or six hours' chugging by boat. But the points of most interest — the Salt Museum, Anderton Boat Lift, Lion Salt Works and Northwich town centre — lie in a much smaller area and can be visited on foot.

The fine mansions of the salt barons in Cheshire are still there, although you have to hunt for them — they have been put to other uses. There, too, are the terraces of neat little Victorian houses where the workers used to live.

There are still salt pans to be found — rectangular lead or iron troughs, where brine was boiled to make the most valuable "white" salt — and salt houses, where temperatures caused men strip to the waist and women to the petticoat, despite Victorian prudery.

The pubs in which they rehydrated between shifts (giving Northwich the sobriquet "town of drunks") still retain their names — the Salt Barge, the Salthouse — if not their Victorian character.

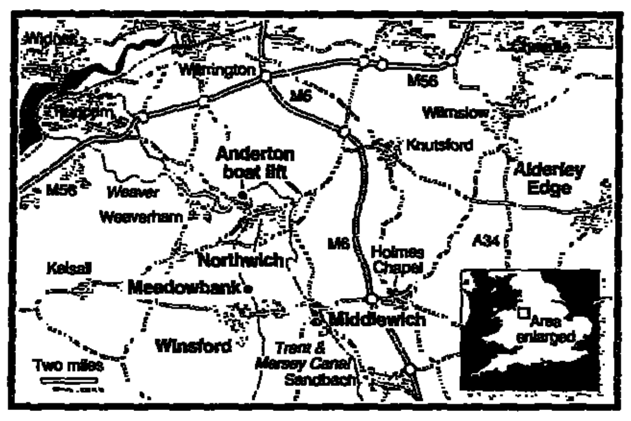
Ask inside and you may still meet a retired "waller" (he raked the crystals to the edge of the brine pan), hunched over a pint, or a "lumpman" (who compressed crystals into tubs of elm).

The odd beam or steam-engine still exists, oiled and polished with modern owner's pride. Once, they raised tubs, or pulled wagons along the "mineral line" out of Northwich, or powered barges laden with salt along the waterways. A million tonnes a year used to be moved in that way, but the flat-bottomed sailboats have all rotted away.

The tools of the salt industry turn up occasionally in antique shops: skimmers for straining brine; wooden mundling pegs (like cricket bats) for tamping salt down in the elm tubs; happers for smoothing the sides of blocks; and chipping paddles for descaling the pans.

We stayed at the centre of the triangle, in a Friendly Floatel (floating hotel) on the River Weaver, in which the cabins offer fine views of two 19th-century, electrically powered swing bridges — the first to be built in Britain.

Our trail began at the museum, once a workhouse, now a brightly lit, well displayed record of the industry. Interactive videos, working models (some life-size), artefacts and clearly captioned photographs tell the whole story from Roman times to the present day. Photographs reveal the conditions under which men and women worked in Victorian times: in intense heat, clouds of steam, slippery catwalks and unguarded pans (workers had to call to each other constantly to make sure nobody had fallen into the boiling brine) — for paltry wages.



Salt is still extracted from brine in Cheshire through solution mining, where water is pumped underground and then pumped back to the surface. The extraction is done inside stainless steel vacuum evaporators, which can be viewed by appointment.

Mining is still carried on at Meadowbank, near Winsford, and visitors are welcome. More than 100 miles of tunnels lie underground and about 2.25 million tons of amber-coloured rock salt are brought up each year.

Cheshire's salt is moved by road, rail or pipeline today, but for centuries it went by barge. That tradition took us to the Anderton Boat Lift which is being restored. This was where boats were lifted between the Mersey and Trent Canal and the River Weaver.

There are numerous shallow flashes — freshwater lakes — frequented by anglers and interesting species of wildlife, which cover collapsed, subterranean salt workings. The first mine owners, in their headlong rush to make fortunes, ignored the dangers they were leaving behind.

As more and more brine was pumped in or salt extracted, so the supporting salt pillars dissolved, until the tunnels collapsed. Roads and bridges cracked, buildings tipped or even toppled.

Nowhere was the damage greater than in Northwich town, where a honeycomb of more than 250 brine shafts and mines has been mapped by the Brine Compensation Board, set up in 1891 and still paying out sums ranging from £100 to £200 for subsidence damage (an average of 100 claims a year since 1990).

The Victorians built timber-framed buildings which could be moved to safer locations. About 50 of these survive in Northwich: our final stop was Bridge House. Once an inn, in 1913 it was moved 100 yards on rollers without a single pane of glass breaking. But the Subsidence Trail is another story.

PETER FAIRLEY

- *The author was a guest of the Friendly Floatel (01606 44443). Rooms £41-£88.*
- *The Salt Museum (01606 41331) is open Tues-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat, Sun 2-5pm.*
- *The Lion Salt Works (01606 41823). Open 1.30-4.30pm daily (10.30am-4.30pm in July and August).*
- *Boats can be hired from Middlewich Narrowboats (01606 832460) at £60 a day.*

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 27

WHACKO
(c) A schoolboy exclamation or ejaculation of delight or excitement. Splendid! Excellent! Good show! Hurrah! It must have something to do with *whack*. "After all it was only two days to — whacko! — Monday."

SETTECENTO
(a) The eighteenth century considered as a period of Italian art, architecture, music, etc. Italian, short for *mil settecento*, 1,700. Aldous Huxley, *Olive Tree*, 1936: "It is a scene from a settecento Earthly Paradise — before the Fall of 1789."

SEKT
(c) A German sparkling white wine, sometimes described as champagne, to the rage and writs of the French vintners of champagne, many of whom were ancestrally German. From the German word, *cf. sack*.

WILIWILI
(c) A coral tree, *Erythrina sandwicensis*, of the family Leguminosae, native to Hawaii and Tahiti and bearing clusters of orange flowers. The Hawaiian name. "The very soft, white wood of the wiliwili is still used by the natives for outriggers on their fishing canoes."

A spell in the woods

PICTURES

Where wizards once wandered: Alderley Edge in Cheshire

Spooky places attract spooky people, which is why a group of Nottingham University students had gathered at Alderley Edge, Cheshire. Sporting funny beards, clad in black cloaks and wielding wooden swords, they were planning to run around the woods in an energetic version of *Dungeons and Dragons*.

Their peculiar pastime was inspired by a local legend about a wizard who bought a white horse from a farmer travelling to Macclesfield market. The horse was bought to complete the wizard's cavalry, a sleeping army in a nearby cave which could spring to the country's defence if need be. The cave has never been identified, but the myth draws legions of visitors to these National Trust woodlands.

Indeed, it is an ideal spot for a post-Sunday lunch expedition. The network of paths through the Scots pine and beech trees are well-signposted, easily navigable (some are suitable for wheelchairs and prams) and never too far from a car park. Most paths lead to Stormy Point, a cliff of red rocks from where there are breath-taking views of the Pennines. A stone records that the woods were given to the trust in 1948 by the daughters of Lawrence and Mary Pilkington, who enjoyed a constitutional stroll on clement days.

As you follow their example, you will spot repeated mythical references — Druid's Circle, Devil's Grave and Wizard's Well. But don't expect too much from these landmarks — the well is an unimpressive stone sink with a lamentable drip, masquerading as a font of mystical powers. This sight should not distress you unduly if you turn round and enjoy the cottage-studded vista in front of you.

From the well, progress to the steeper environs of Castle Rock, a wonderful natural rock staircase. "You can see Blackpool Tower from here on a good day," I was informed by an eight-year-old boy, who should know these things. Head south towards the Armada Beacon, one of a chain lit to signal the arrival of the Spanish Armada in 1588.

A spectacular network of mines lies underneath the woods. Usually closed, these were opened on the weekend I was there by the Derbyshire Caving Club, which occasionally organises group visits.

I spent a fascinating hard-hatted hour navigating a network of damp tunnels, guided by a man who spent his spare weekends unearthing buried passages. This is not a trip for those who might find the deep drops, narrow gaps and low tunnels a bit much. Those who do venture in will find themselves exploring vaults streaked with the dramatic blue and green of malachite and azurite, two copper ores.

Up above, another pleasant diversion is to stray just over a mile — down Artist's Lane and south on the A34 — to Nether Alderley, which has one of the prettiest flour mills in England. It must be one of the oldest too — a mill has stood here since 1391. It is run by David Mosley, who said that the mill only operated in daylight. "You couldn't have candles in here because flour dust is like gunpowder," he says. "The place would have gone up like a powder keg." If the water levels are high enough, you may be treated to the sight of the mill in action. If the mill operated at full speed for eight hours, it would produce three tonnes of flour. And, during that time, nearly 180,000 gallons of water would flow through the wheels.

If the walk doesn't tire you out, the numbers will.

ANJANA AHUJA

- *The author was a guest of the Laburnum Cottage Guest House, Mobberley, Cheshire WA16 7PU (tel/fax 01565 872464), which has won six awards in five years. Room prices start at £28 for a single, £48 for a twin or double, including breakfast.*
- *Alderley Edge is off the Macclesfield Road (B5087). Admission free. Private visits to the local mines can be arranged by Derbyshire Caving Club (tel/fax 01477 534772).*
- *Nether Alderley Mill is open from April to October, times vary. £1.80, children 90p. NT members free. Telephone 01743 709343 for information.*

Sunsail

Watersports
Beach Club Holidays

from £349pp (flights inc. 2 weeks)

FREE Dinghy and Catamaran Sailing, Windsurfing, Cruising Yachts, Tennis, Volleyball, Kids' Clubs and lots more. Waterskiing available.

9 locations: Greece, Greek Islands, Turkey
plus Club-Flotilla holidays and NEW for '96 Gulet cruising

For the time of your life call our 24hr brochure hotline
01705 222 222
fax 01705 219827

RUSSIA & BEYOND?
YOU GOT IT.

How would you like it? Intourist's Independent travel programme is 'tailor made' for the free traveller. Whether it's Russia and its cities, Central Asia or a trip on the Trans Siberian railway we do it your way.

FOR YOUR FREE BROCHURE CALL LONDON 0171 538 8600 MANCHESTER 0161 834 0230

Please send me more information on Intourist holidays. TIM 1a

Name

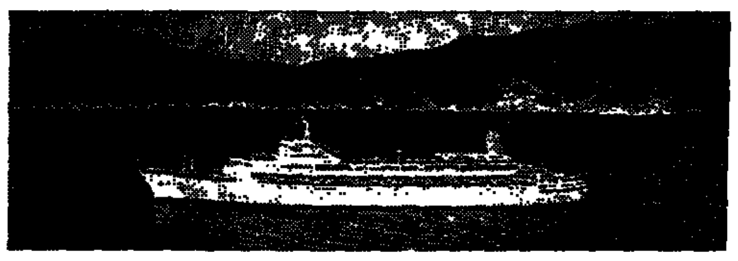
Address

Postcode

To: Intourist Travel Ltd, Intourist House, 219 Marsh Wall, London E14 9PD.

ABTA 15959 Intourist TRAVEL LIMITED ATOL 248. IATA.

Now you can.



P&O CRUISES

This year, celebrate your wedding anniversary on 21st May.

If you have a special anniversary* coming up, we know a very special way to mark the occasion. Aboard Britain's favourite cruise liner, Canberra. She launches our Wedding Anniversary cruise season on May 21st, leaving Southampton for a 13-night cruise calling at Madeira, The Canaries, Morocco, Gibraltar and Portugal.

There are six Anniversary cruises in all. You can fly-cruise on the elegant Victoria in the Eastern Mediterranean. Or visit the Med and the Canaries aboard our greatest superliner, Oriana. Prices start from £895.

For details, see your ABTA travel agent, call 0171 800 2222 or just fill in the coupon. (*Eligible anniversaries include 10, 15, 20, 25th etc.)

For our brochure, send this coupon to P&O Cruises, Department CB, Phoenix Way, Cirencester, Glouc GL7 1RY. See your ABTA travel agent or telephone 0171 800 2222.

NAME

ADDRESS

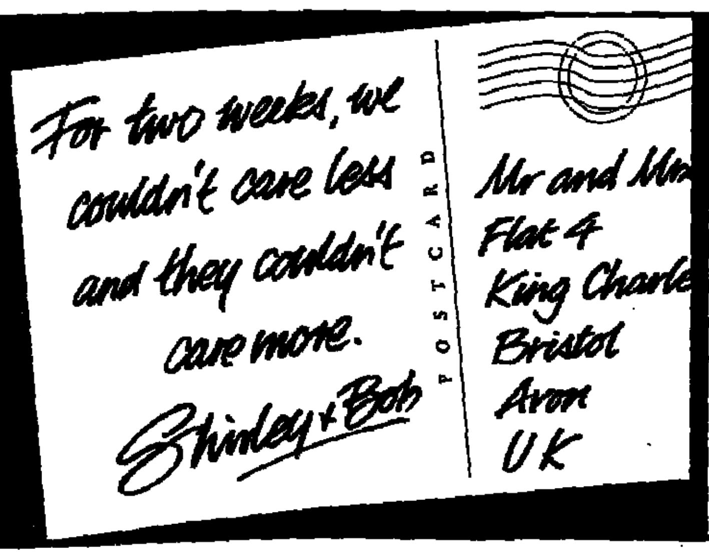
POSTCODE 0811

P&O THE FIRST NAME IN CRUISING

40 years of listening carefully to Saga customers has taught us what our holidaymakers expect. That's why so many customers book with us again. You'll be put at ease by the warmth and discretion of our booking staff. And our representatives are always on hand to help with your every need, however individual it might be. So wherever your holiday takes you, you'll be able to enjoy it in total comfort. If you are aged 50 or over, call our 24-hour request line for your new holiday brochures.

☎ FREE 0800 300 456
Ext 2175

SAGA ATOL 308
FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE


For two weeks, we couldn't care less and they couldn't care more.
Shirley + Bob
POSTCARD
Mr and Mr
Flat 4
King Charle
Bristol
Avon
UK

Please return to: Saga Holidays Ltd., FREEPOST (NT2710), Peterlee X, Co. Durham SR8 1SH. You do not need a stamp.
Please send me the following holiday brochures:

United Kingdom
Hotel Stays ☐
University & College Centres ☐
Coach Holidays: Tours ☐ Single Centre ☐
Europe & the Mediterranean
Hotel Stays ☐ Coach Tours ☐

Worldwide
USA/Canada ☐
Faraway Places ☐
(Africa, Asia, Australasia and the Far East)
Cruises Ocean ☐ River ☐

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms)
Address

Town
County
Postcode Tel No.
Date of Birth (Mr) __/__/19 Date of Birth (Mrs, Ms) __/__/19
Do you currently receive brochures from Saga? Yes ☐ No ☐

Saga Holidays Ltd. would like to send you information about services provided by other Saga companies and may pass information to these companies to enable them to do so. UM 41

Across the sands of time

■ SINAI
By William Smethurst
Headline, £16.99

TAKE a large measure of Indiana Jones, season liberally with Stephen Hawking, top up with a twist of Wilbur Smith and you have *Sinai*, the latest thriller from the underrated William Smethurst.

The story that would do credit to *The X-files*: Egyptology and quantum physics married up with historical fiction and all the attributes of a modern thriller: spies, religious fanatics, secret policemen and super weapons. Is a body guarded in a Cairo mortuary really that of 3,000-year-old pharaonic warrior killed in the 1973 Yom Kippur War? And why did a German tourist go missing in the desert and reappear at death's door speaking ancient Coptic? *Sinai* is *Dr Who* in the desert.

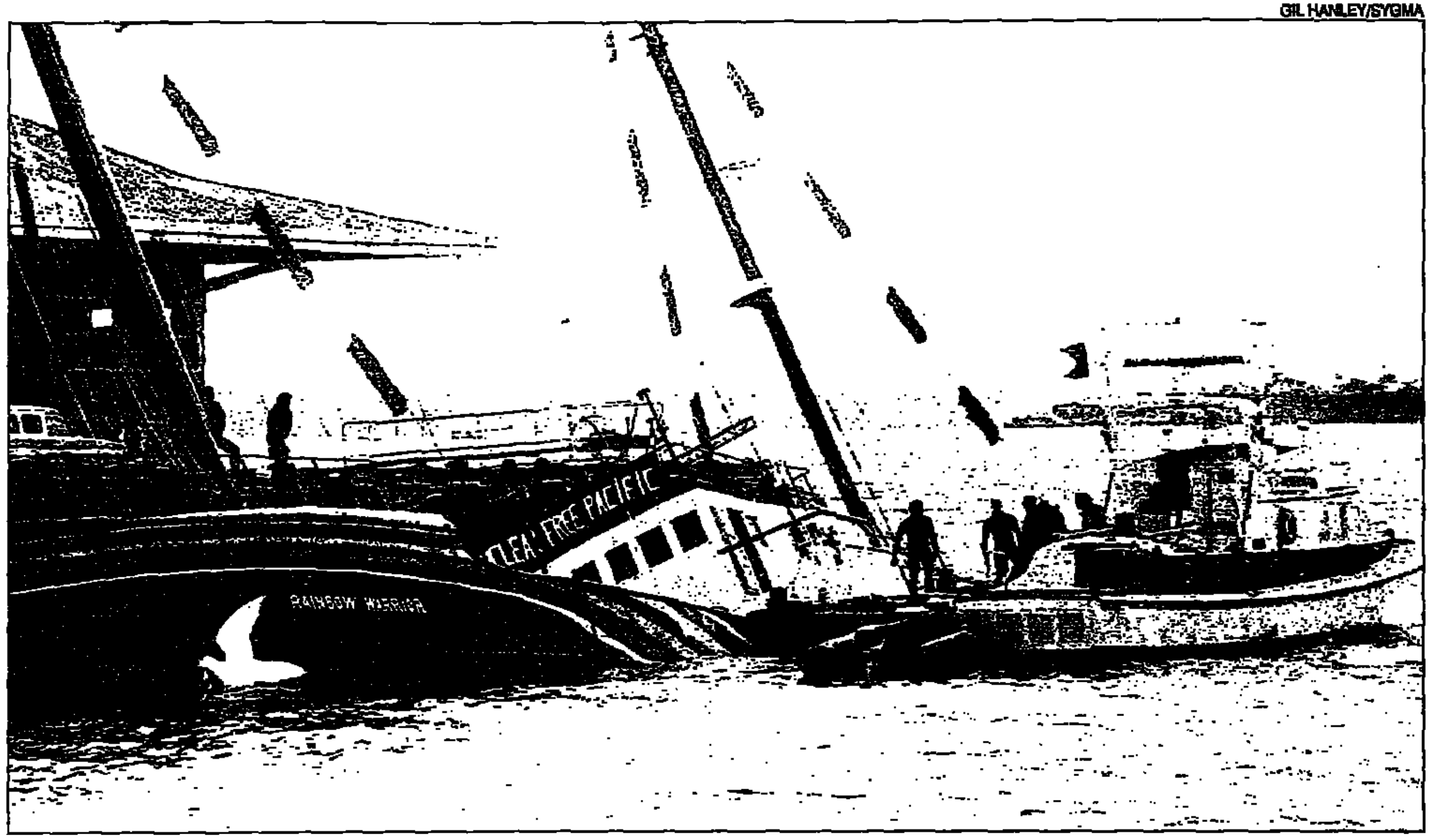
Dr Richard Corrigan, an American academic in London who happens to be the world's leading expert on the Egyptian war machine of the 19th dynasty, is drawn into a web of seemingly far-fetched fantasies on the fringe of a world ready to re-erupt in war. The commendable cast of supporting characters include the well-to-do Lancashire chalet girl turned Middle Eastern tour guide to groups of American Bible scholars, the sultry blonde Somerset policewoman, Worboys, and the Widmerpoolian British Museum archaeologist intent on salvaging his own reputation on the edge of a holocaust.

Add to this mix the historical dimension of a sub-plot of domestic intrigue and political squabbling among an agnostic, blaspheming mob of Israelites fleeing Pharoah's Nubian mercenaries, and you have all the ingredients of an escapist *tour de force*.

This is a ripping yarn that sets the new batch of 1996 thrillers off at a cracking pace. The Book of Exodus will never seem the same again.

PETER MILLAR

T. J. Binyon finds out why the French intelligence services are sometimes none too bright


GIL HANLEY/SYGMA

Ce n'est pas la guerre: Greenpeace's flagship, *Rainbow Warrior*, sunk by French intelligence agents in Auckland harbour in July 1985

Cloaque and dagger

■ THE FRENCH SECRET SERVICES: From the Dreyfus Affair to the Gulf War
By Douglas Porch
Macmillan, £25

TWO SCANDALS mark the beginning and end of Douglas Porch's book — the Dreyfus affair and the sinking of the Greenpeace ship *Rainbow Warrior* in New Zealand. Both illustrate a particular characteristic — and endemic fault — of the French secret services: the blurring of the line between politics and intelligence.

Other peculiarities are the fragmentation of intelligence gathering by the employment of a multiplicity of organisations, each under the control of a different ministry: the military domination of foreign intelligence; and the surveillance of France's own citizens to a degree rivalled only by the Tsarist or Soviet secret police.

This last is not new: letter-opening services, the so-called *cabinets noirs*, date back to the 16th century; and Victor Hugo, in exile in Guernsey in the time of Napoleon III, made significant savings on postage by habitually enclosing several letters in one cover with a note to the *cabinet noir*, asking that they should be forwarded to their respective addresses.

Telephone-tapping has now supplemented letter-opening: Porch tells the story of one senator who, knowing his telephone to be tapped, ended each conversation with a phrase "*merde au préfet!*", prompting that official to ask, when they met, "Why do you hate me so?"

The golden era for French intelligence was the First World War, when its military branch was probably the best of all the armies in cryptanalysis, wireless eavesdropping, and interrogation of prisoners of war. Since then, however, there seems to have been a continual decline. During the inter-war years, intelligence became more politicised: the attempt, during the Second World War, to turn the Resistance into an intelligence-gathering movement failed: the preference of its members for action rather than observation led to what Porch terms "an action culture" becoming part of the intelligence mentality, leading to dire consequences in Indo-China and Algeria.

En passant, the author demolishes the myth of the Resistance, preferring, to Eisenhower's exaggerated claim that it was worth six divisions to the Allies, Speer's comment: when asked what the effect of the French Resistance had been, he replied, "What French Resistance?"

Mistrusting the official intelligence services, de Gaulle and his presidential successors have tended to set up parallel systems, leading to such sordid episodes as the exploitation of the former French in Africa, and *l'affaire Rainbow Warrior*.

Lucidly and elegantly written, this is a brilliant and fascinating work which goes beyond the brief set out in its title. Porch not only ruminates abstractly on the function and methods of intelligence but also, in keeping with his dictum that "intelligence can only be judged in the context in which it operates", illuminates, from an unusual angle, French politics and military operations. Most intriguing, perhaps, is his contention that the *"base aéroterrestre"* at Dien Bien Phu was established not with a military aim, but in order to protect the opium harvest — both sides needing the profit from it to finance their operations.

How Prospero wove his magic

Brian Alderson on a sister's memoir of a remarkable publishing entrepreneur

■ A KIND OF PROSPERO: Sebastian Walker, 1942-1991
By Mirabel Cecil
Walker Books, 14.99

THE TITLE of Mirabel Cecil's memoir of her brother, Sebastian Walker, *A Kind of Prospero*, was how the American illustrator, Maurice Sendak, described him. Through it we may perceive an enigmatic personality, given to a variety of (usually benign) wizardries. Such characters may be found in senior common rooms, but how circumscribed is their scope for action compared with the business career that Walker fashioned.

Walker Books, publisher of children's books, was founded in 1978 with a bank loan of £20,000 and the investment of some diverse experience. After abandoning work for a PhD on Michelet, Walker spent a year as a trainee in group management with an engineering firm, eight years as European rep for a couple of publishers, and one year as director at Chatto & Windus.

During this time he gained some experience in editing children's books but, more importantly, he perfected his skill at his favourite kind of reading: the bottom line of balance sheets. He also saw a gap in the market for the specialised publishing of books for younger children designed for an international market. Calculations on the backs of envelopes yielded triumphant results. The company was in profit after two years and sales topped £1 million by the end of 1982.

What the balance sheets do not show, however, is the magic behind the publishing. Walker had a perfect touch in picking his editorial team and in guiding their purpose, whether they were devising the first list in the back bedroom of his house in Canonbury or taking the developing company through a strange succession of offices, all of which lacked the customary publishing accoutrements of heavy walnut desks and deep-pile carpets. "What would authors think," said a colleague, "if they came into smart offices furnished with their money?"

That remark points up the second element of Walker's magic: his ability to get his authors and illustrators to work above themselves and then to see that they got as healthy a cut of the profits as possible. This was classic publishing entrepreneurship. At a time when the industry was giving itself up to faceless corporatism, Walker was conjuring up originality and distinction with almost every month's new publications.

Cecil gives only a sketchy indication of these multiple successes, relying for examples on the more immediately recognisable names, such as Helen Oxenbury, Nicola Bayley and Martin Handford, whose *Where's Wally?* and its successors sold by the million. As is only right, she is chiefly concerned with the character behind the enterprise, and a clear-eyed job she makes of it. The occasional "prima donna" rows and sackings have their place, the determined wooing of talent away from rivals, and, above all, "that strange sense that, in some fundamental way, Sebastian was out of touch with others".

Walker: perfect guiding touch

How far this caused, or was caused by, his homosexuality is beyond explanation, but after all the jaunts and deals and dinners, the belief remains that Prospero was most at ease when trying to wrestle perfection out of a Chopin nocturne. There is poignancy in that which is brought to a moving intensity in Cecil's final account of her brother's death from an Aids-related illness.

A TIMES READER OFFER

BUY ONE FULL PRICE TICKET AND GET ANOTHER FOR THE PRICE OF YOUR FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER

Theatre tickets for only 30p

Starting today, *The Times* offers you the chance to take a friend to the theatre for just 30p, the price of Britain's leading quality daily newspaper. There are more than 140 shows at more than 60 theatres throughout the country to choose from.

The quality of British theatre is unrivalled and the breadth of choice is unequalled. Whether you enjoy blockbuster musicals or intimate dramas, top names in variety or leading contemporary ensembles, you will find them all in our offer.

Among the many musicals on offer is a version of Charles Dickens's *Great Expectations*, starring Darren Day and Nyree Dawn Porter, in Birmingham, and *A Christmas Carol* starring Anton Rodgers, in Nottingham. Rock musicals include the story of Jerry Lee Lewis, in Coventry, and the life of Roy Orbison, in Bradford, as well as the ever popular *Rocky Horror Show*, in Woking. In London you can choose from *The Fields of Ambrosia*, a new musical, as well as an established favourite, *Grease*.

If you prefer opera and ballet, both are in our offer. At the Royal Opera House, London, you can choose *The Sleeping Beauty* or *The Midsummer Marriage*, and in Leeds, Opera North present the British premiere of a work written by Kurt Weill, *Love Life*, with lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner.

From Shakespeare classics to popular contemporary writers, you are guaranteed a great evening. Simply collect five of the six tokens we will publish daily next week.

Today we publish the first part of our list with details of shows available in London and the South. A listing of participating theatres in other parts of Britain will appear in Monday's *Times*.

Geoffrey Church, left, and Ben Porter get to grips with *Macbeth*

HOW TO GET YOUR 30p THEATRE TICKETS

Collect five of the six tokens appearing in *The Times* next week and telephone the number given for the performance of your choice. When you buy one ticket at the listed price, you will receive a second ticket for 30p. Please do not telephone the theatre before Thursday, January 18, which is the first day they will start accepting bookings for this offer. Please state at the time of booking you are using *The Times* theatre ticket offer tokens. You may book over the phone but tickets cannot be issued until tokens have been received by the booking office. The offer is limited to one 30p ticket per performance per household. You may, however, book for more than one show at venues marked * and claim a 30p ticket for each production, but you must book all your tickets at the same time. You will not need another set of five tokens for each performance, the voucher (right) will them cover all. The tokens are valid only for the performance stated in the offer and cannot be exchanged for cash or used in conjunction with any other offer. All tickets are subjected to availability.

LONDON
Almeida Theatre 0171-359 4404 *The Tower*, all performances until Feb 3. All full-price tickets. **Aldwych Theatre** 0171-416 6048 *The Fields of Ambrosia with Joel Higgins and Christine Andreas*, Jan 22 and 26 — £25/£27. **Drill Hall** 0171-637 8270 *South Pacific* with Patti Boulaye and Peter Polycarpou, Jan 16, 17, 18 at 7.30pm — £12 and £7 concs. **Dominion Theatre** 0171-416 6060 *Grease* with Richard Calkin and Samantha Janus Jan 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31, Feb 5, 6, 7 — £22.50/£27.50 **Duchess Theatre** 0171-494 5075 *Don't Dress for Dinner* with Royce Mills, Kim Hartman and Deborah Watling, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs evenings, Wed and Sat matinees, until April 18 — £16/£19.50 **Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith** 0181 741 2311 *Macbeth* with Paul Higgins, all performances between Jan 11 and Feb 17, Tues to Sat — Tues: £7.50; Wed and Thur: £10; Fri and Sat: £10/£12.50/£15. **Riverside Studios** 0181 741 2255 *Eros of Love and Destruction/In Between*, Feb 6 and 7 — £6/£9. **Royal Albert Hall** 0171-589 8212 *Beauty and the Beast*, with the Russian All Stars, April 11 and 12, 7.30pm, April 13 and 14, 2.30pm and 7.30pm — all ticket prices. **Royal Opera House*** 0171-304 4000 *The Sleeping Beauty*, Jan 22 and 25, evenings, orchestra stalls only — £60/£65. *The Midsummer Marriage*, Jan 27, Feb 8, orchestra stalls only — £50/£65. **Theatre Royal Haymarket** 0171-930 8800 *The Best of Times with Denis Quilley*, Feb 11 — £12.50 upper circle. **The Players Theatre** 0171-839 1134 *Victorian Music Hall* Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sunday, from Feb 7 to Mar 31, 8.15pm — £15. **Tricycle Theatre** 0171-328 1000 *Two Trains Running*, Jan 25 and 26, 8.00pm, Jan 27, 4.00pm and 8.00pm — £5.00 all tickets. **Theatre Royal Stratford East*** 0181 534 0310 *A Soldier's Song*, Mar 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 21 at 8pm — £12/£15. *What A Bleedin' Liberty* Apr 13, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 25 at 8pm — £12/£15. **Savoy Theatre** 0171-836 8888 *Communicating Door* with Angela Thorne, all performances between Jan 29 and Mar 2, excluding Fri and Sat evenings — £20/£24

BATH
Theatre Royal 01225 448844 *Hysteria Henry Goodman* with Aisling O'Sullivan, Tim Potter and Fred Pearson, Jan 30 and 31 — £15 and £18.

BRACKNELL
Wilde Theatre* 01344 484 123 *Ball to New York*, with Charlie Barber and Band, Feb 13 at 7.30pm — £6/£7.50/£8/£9.50.
The Bacchae - Dancing with a Tyrant, Jan 25, 26, 27 at 7.30pm — £6/£7.50/£8/£9.50.

BURY ST EDMUNDS
Theatre Royal 01234 769 505 Object Constant/Glass/Wunsch, Feb 17 at 7.30pm — £9.50. *Three Sisters/The Break of Day*, with Anita Dobson, Maria Fredmann, Nigel Terry and Catherine Russell, Feb 5, 8 and 9 at 7.30pm, Feb 10, at 2.30pm — £9.50/£10.50.

BRISTOL
Old Vic* 0117 987 7877 *Much Ado About Nothing*, Feb 8 to 15 — £5/£7/£11.50/£14/£17.50. *Twelve Angry Men*, Mar 7 to 14 — £5/£7/£11.50/£14/£17.50. *Maid Marion and Her Merry Men*, April 12 to 18 — £5, £7/£11.50/£14/£17.50
An Enemy of the People, May 10 to 16 — £5/£7, £11.50/£14/£17.50
Quakers Friars 0117 953 7735 *Double Jeopardy*, rehearsed reading not the full production, Jan 26 and 27 — £3.

Anita Dobson and Kate Ashfield play two in Chekhov's *Three Sisters*

BOURNEMOUTH
Pavilion Theatre 01202 297297
Beauty and the Beast, with The Russian All Stars, April 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 — £8.50/£12.50/ £16.50

CHELMSFORD
Civic Theatre* 01245 495 028*Out of Order*, Jan 25 to Feb 3, all performances except Sat evening — Tues/Thur/Sat matinee: £8 and £6.75, concs £5.75 and £4.50; Fri evening: £8 and £8.75, no concs.
The Madness of George III, Feb 29 to Mar 9, except Sat evenings, Tues/Wed/Thur and Sat matinee: £8/£6.75, concs £5.75/£4.50; Fri evening: £9/£6.75, no concs.

EPSOM
Playhouse* 01372 742 555
Arabian Knights, Jan 26, 7.30pm, Jan 27 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm — £12.50 *Dancers from Christopher Gable's Central School of Ballet*, Apr 2 at 7.30pm — £11.50. *The Wind in the Willows*, Feb 26 to Mar 2 at 7.30pm — £10. *Flamenco Fiesta*, Mar 4 at 8.00pm — £10. *Shakespeare's The Winters Tale*, Feb 12 and 13 at 7.30pm — £10.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
The Old Town Hall* 01442 242 827
The House of Bernada Alba, Jan 20 at 8pm — £6.
The Man Who Ate His Shoes, Feb 2, at 8pm £5.

HORNCHURCH
Queen's Theatre* 01708 443 333
Face - The Musical With Bottle, Feb 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 22, 8.00pm — £8.90/£10.90/£12.90.
Steel Magnolias, Mar 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 at 8.00pm — £8.90/£10.90/£12.90.
Plan 9 From Outer Space, Apr 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 at 8.00pm — £8.90/£10.90/£12.90.
The Railway Children, Apr 30 to May 2, May 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 at 8.00pm — £8.90/£10.90/£12.90.

ILFORD, ESSEX
Kenneth More Theatre* 0181-553 4466
Dick Whittington, any Wed/Thurs/ Fri until Feb 2, 7pm — £7.90.
It Runs in the Family, Feb 7, 8, 9, 8pm — £5.25.
The Late Mrs Early, Feb 14, 15, 16, 8.00pm — £5.25.
Side by Side by Sondheim - Musical Review, Feb 23 and 24, 8pm — £5.25.

NORTHAMPTON
Derngate* 01604 24811 *Conduct Unbecoming* with Carol Drinkwater, Gerald Harper, Christopher Blake, Andrew Lancel, Jason Riddington, David Gwillim and Terence Wilton, Jan 30 and Feb 1 at 7.30pm, Jan 31 at 2.30pm — Tues/Thurs: £12.50; mat: £10. *Rambert Dance Company*, Feb 13, 7.30pm — £17.

OXFORD
Pegasus Theatre 01865 722 851 *The House of Bernada Alba*, Jan 23 — £6, £4 concs. *In the Ether*, Jan 26 — £6, £4 concs. *Certain Obsessions*, Feb 19 — £6, £4 concs. *Dentata*, Mar 7 — £6, £4 concs. *Bluff*, Feb 1 — £6, £4 concs. *Animated Classics III*, Feb 9 and 10 — £6, £4 concs.

PAIGNTON
Festival Theatre 01803 558641 *Beauty and the Beast, Russian All Stars*, Feb 27, 28 and Mar 1 at 7.30pm, Feb 29 and Mar 2 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm —£18.50/16.50/£12.50/£7.50/£5.50.

POOLE
Poole Arts Centre* 01202 685 222 *Private Lives*, Feb 19 — £11. *Confusions* with Rula Lenska, Christopher Timothy and Graham Seed, Mar 11 — £12.90. *Misery* with Val Lehman and Nigel Harrison, Mar 18 — £11.

RICHMOND
Orange Tree Theatre* 0181-940 3633 *The Simpleton of the Unexpected Isles* with Kate O'Mara, Jan 23, 24, 25 January — £9.50 full price tickets only. *The Good Woman of Seizuan*, Feb 6, 7, 8 — £9.50, £6.50 concs.

SOUTHEND ON SEA
Cliffs Pavilion* 01702 351135 *Dial M for Murder* with Peter Davison, Feb 26 to Mar 2, excluding matinées — £8/£9/£10/£11/£12. *Barnum* with Andrew O'Connor, Jan 23, to 27, excl mats — £7.50/£9.50/£11.50/£13.50/£15.50/£17.50/£19.50.

SOUTHSEA
Kings Theatre 01705 828 282 *Mermaid*, Feb 20 and 21 at 2.30pm, — £5.50. *Canterbury Tales* with Brian Glover, May 8 at 7.30pm — £10.50/£12.50.

SOUTHAMPTON
The Mayflower 01703 711811 *Beauty and the Beast* with the Russian All Stars, Mar 5, 7, 8 at 7.30pm, Mar 6, and 9 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm — £19.50/£17.50/£15/£12/£10.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS
Assembly Hall 01892 530613 *Beauty and the Beast* with the Russian All Stars, Mar 13, 14, 15, at 7.30, Mar 16 and 17 at 2pm and 7.30pm — £20.50/£18.50/£16.50/£12.50.

WOKING
New Victoria Theatre* 01483 761 144 *Dick Wittington* with Lesley Joseph, Rosemarie Ford, Kriss Akabusi, Windsor Davies, Robert Duncan, and Jeffrey Holland, Jan 23 to Feb 1 — £15. *Hysteria*, Feb 6, 7, 8 at 8pm — £11/£13. *Dracula* Feb 27, 28 and 29 — £11/£13. *Unforgettable - The Nat King Cole Story* with Clarke Peters, Mar 12, 13, 14 — £11/£13. *The Rocky Horror Show*, Mar 19, 20 at 8pm, Mar 21 at 7pm — £15.50/£17.50. *Calamity Jane* with Gemma Craven and Stephen McGann, Mar 25, 26, 27 March at 8pm — £16/£18.

Kate O'Mara stars in *The Simpleton of the Unexpected Isles*

WELLINGBOROUGH
The Castle* 01933 270 007 *A Tale of Two Cities*, Feb 1 Feb at 7.30pm — £8. *The Jungle Book*, Feb 19 and 21 at 2.30pm, Feb 20 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm — £7. *The Coull Quartet in Concert*, Feb 4 at 7.30pm — £6. *The Fall of the House of Usherettes*, Mar 7 at 8pm — £5.

THE TIMES 30p THEATRE TICKETS

Mr/Mrs/Other ……………………………

First Name(s) ……………………………

Surname ……………………………

Address ……………………………

……………………………

Postcode ……………………………

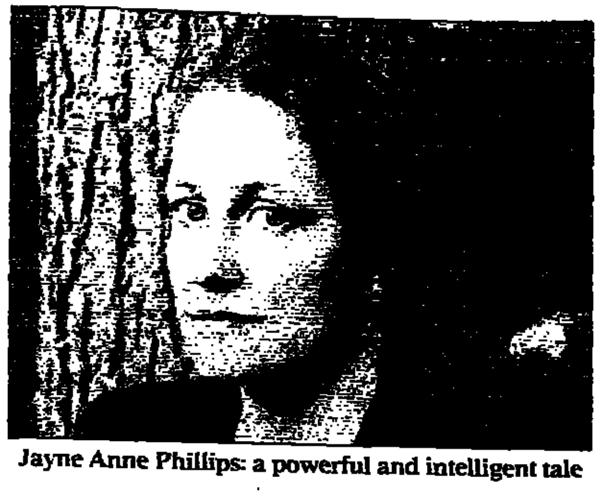
Home phone ……………………………

This form, when five different *Times* tokens are attached, entitles the bearer to buy a theatre ticket at the price listed in this *Times* offer and to get another one for 30p. S/he can also buy tickets for any other show listed by buying one ticket and paying the price of Britain's best quality daily newspaper, with the same five tokens.

THE TIMES
30p
THEATRE
TICKETS
TOKEN 1

هكذا من الأصل

NEW IN PAPERBACK



Jayne Anne Phillips: a powerful and intelligent tale

■ SHELTER
By Jayne Anne Phillips
Faber, £5.99

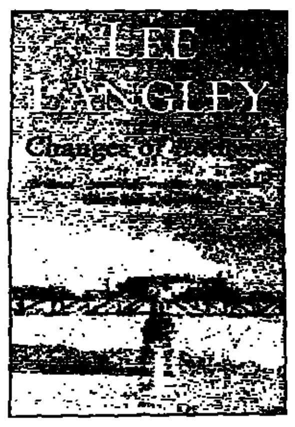
THIS INTENSE and absorbing novel is set in an American all-girls' camp in the summer of 1963. Removed from their dysfunctional homes, Lenny, Cap, Alma and Delia affect disdain for campfire singsongs, vanishing into the forest to be alone with nature and each other. But the forest has other inhabitants — an almost feral young boy, his psychopathic step-father and a fanatically religious ex-convict.

You begin by thinking this is a story about adolescent risk-taking and the corruption of innocence, but gradually enter a more complex universe, in which individuals confront real or perceived powers of darkness in a fight for survival. Setting the ordered world of the camp against the beauty and menace of nature and the free spirits of the children against the weird preoccupations of adults, Phillips builds her unsettling story, drawing the reader confidently and mercilessly into the deepest thoughts of her characters.

Her descriptive gifts reach their remarkable height when children, adults, nature and the elements converge in a grim battle that must remain forever secret from the outside world. This uncompromising book confirms Jayne Anne Phillips as an extraordinarily powerful writer who draws uncannily on all her senses, expecially the sixth.

■ ECCENTRICS
By David Weeks and Jamie James
Phoenix, £6.99

SARAH WINCHESTER, wife of the American arms manufacturer Oliver Winchester, belived that the ghosts of those killed by her husband's rifles would haunt her unless she built a house big enough to hold them all. When she died in 1922, her home had 158 rooms, over 2,000 doors and more than 10,000 windows. She is just one of the eccentrics — Isaac Newton and William Blake among them — encountered in this hugely entertaining study, the first to look seriously at this "disorder". Does eccentricity distort life or enhance it? In the end, one cannot help but agree with the authors that "the condition of eccentrics is freedom".



■ CHANGES OF ADDRESS
By Lee Langley
Minerva, £5.99

MAGGIE'S mother married her father because she was told that she should not, and soon got tired of him. She dragged her daughter round the fringes of polite society in 1940s India, bouncing from man to man and leaving behind her luggage whenever her allowance ran out. Thus Maggie acquired a precocious knowledge of the world, a beloved, shortlived baby brother, and a burning ambition to escape from her mother as soon as possible. This sad but fascinating book gives both a child's-eye view of the last days of the Raj, and a portrait of a very peculiar mother-daughter relationship.

■ LIONS AND LIQUORICE
By Kate Fenton
Sceptre, £5.99

FENTON'S satirical novel is certainly timely. Her romantic comedy is about a starry film crew descending on a Yorkshire village to shoot *Pride And Prejudice*. The amours which blossom between the director, her cheerful leading lady and two cultured local fellows echo Austen's plot while drolly updating the relationships to modern mores. The assured director, Mary Dance, is as much the new Mr Darcy as an Elizabeth Bennett. This cosily witty paperback is being rushed to press, available on February 15, having been picked for serialisation this month on Radio 4's *Woman's Hour*.

■ OVID
By David Wishart
Sceptre, £5.99

THE POET Ovid has died in exile. His step-daughter Perilla wants his ashes brought back to Rome. To secure the necessary imperial approval, she turns to the dissolute Marcus Corvinus, grandson of Ovid's former patron. But Tiberius denies permission. Why? Like Chandler's Marlow, Corvinus wisecracks his way through a weary world of murder and intrigue until he hunts down the truth. A taut thriller in which ancient Rome springs to life.

Contributors: Nicki Household, Erica Wagner, Fiona Hook, Kate Bassett, Ross Leckie

For the love of a good chinwag

Penny Perrick listens intently to the chatty riches of a story of romance lost and found

■ WINDFALL
By Helen Stevenson
Sceptre, £16.99

THE ENTWINED themes of Helen Stevenson's second novel are love and landscape. Explorations of both weave *through the plot, enriching the texture* of the story which put simply — although Stevenson's sumptuous style *is anything but that — is about a* woman, Elizabeth, who loses her singing voice and then her lover.

This lover, a sculptor called Will, has caused Elizabeth to leave a married man, Mark, with whom she has been having a restrained, well-mannered affair for years. Will lays siege to Elizabeth's aloofness and then, a little short of nine months later, vanishes. Elizabeth is summoned to collect his *ashes from a hopelessly incompetent solicitor* in a scene that displays Stevenson's macabre humour at its most glittering. The carton containing the ashes has "Will's name on it in black felt-tip (no delicacy spared) as though he were the addressee and not the very contents themselves".

Reluctant to dispose of this awkward bequest, Elizabeth travels to France to stay with the recently widowed Marguerite and begin a convalescence of the spirit. Also making the journey to Marguerite's farmhouse are Christian, a pavement artist, Aidan, a schoolmaster whose career has had a shattering jolt, Alicia, one of his former pupils, and Mark, now divorced and hoping to reclaim Elizabeth.

These characters have interesting and original ideas on everything under the sun, from troubadour poetry to the reason why people travel in shell suits: *they put a shell on their backs to* compensate for the strangeness of being away from home. Still on *clothes, which play a major part in the* story, Elizabeth, musing on headscarves, "mentally congratulated the *Queen for being quite possibly the first* woman in history to have made an item of clothing go out of fashion by *her association with it*".

This must be one of the chattiest novels ever. There are no end of fascinating conversations as people collide, part, and, fatefully, regroup. It has an odd feverish quality; within a few pages it flicks from profound philosophy to light-fingered nonsense *without losing its absorbing power.*

Sarah Johnson finds the life of a prewar adventurer and author fizzy, frivolous and great fun

Brittle young thing

■ DEAR DODIE: The Life of Dodie Smith
By Valerie Grove
Chatto & Windus, £20

DODIE SMITH will always be remembered as the author of *The Hundred and One Dalmatians*, the story whose rereleased Disney version launched a million plastic breakfast bowls last year. But her heart, as a writer, always belonged in the prewar West End theatre — the secure, starry, mink-clad world of bright and lively drawing-room comedies.

Dodie was the sort of girl people call "spirited", "kooky" or "feisty". She endured some years of penury as a failing bit-part actress before sensibly landing a job at Heal & Son, where she decided to "collect" her employer, Ambrose Heal, in one of the jolliest bits of adultery you have ever seen. He already had a beloved wife and an awesome mistress, but this did not bother Dodie.

She flirted wildly until one day Heal pinned a ticket marked *vendu* (sold) on her dress. "How long is one supposed to hold goods for customers who don't take delivery?" Dodie challenged him. The subsequent relationship, and others of her youth, fed her writing for decades.

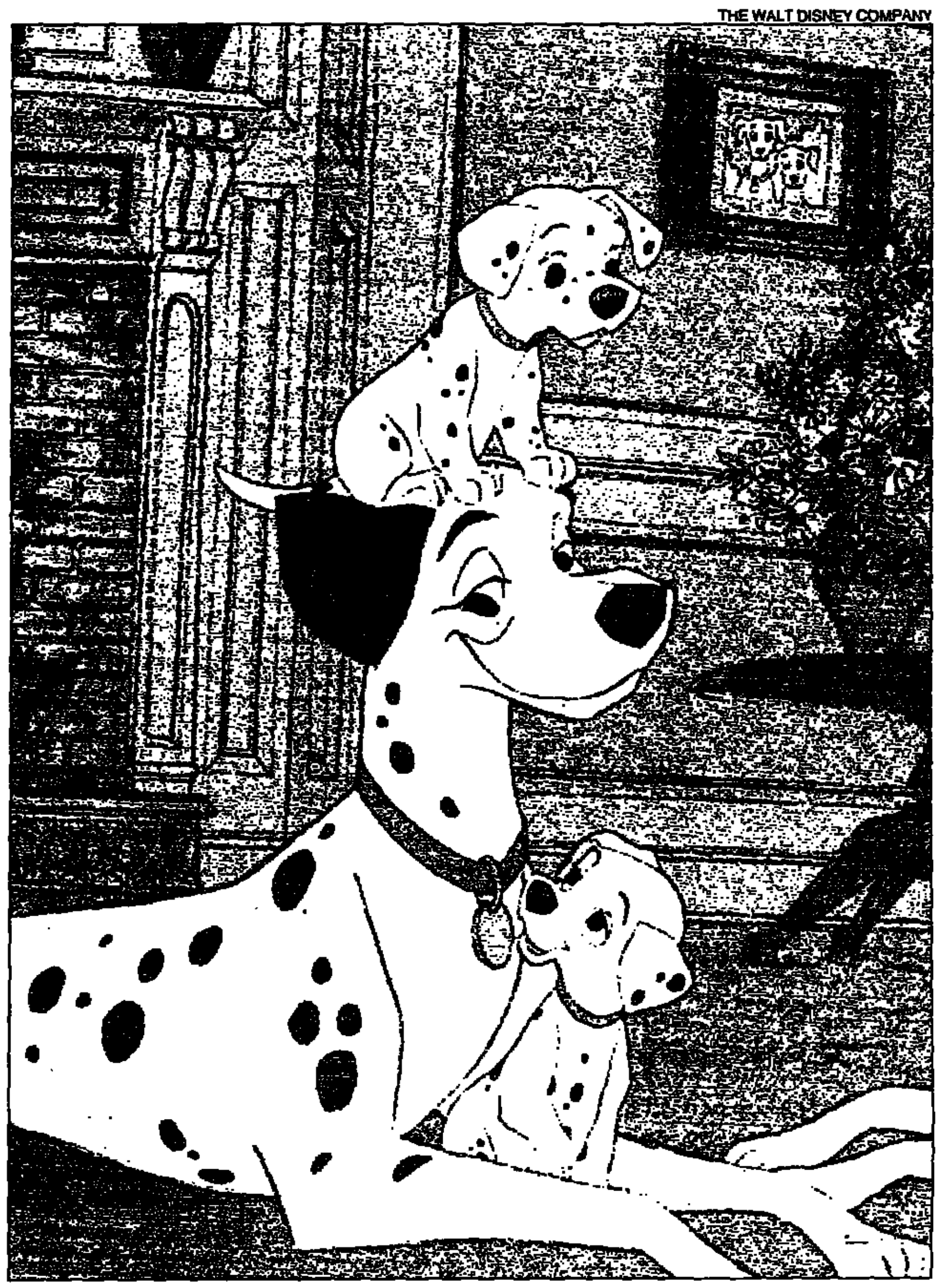
As Valerie Grove explains at the opening of this delicious champagne cocktail of a book, Dodie left millions of words about herself in the form of letters, journals and four autobiographies, a huge, witty record of a theatrical and literary life. Wonderful for a biographer — but what did Dodie Smith's life amount to?

True, she "struck gold three times, in three different genres, in three different decades" but the gold is of varied purity. Her best-known novel, *I Capture the Castle*, is a cult, but very much a minority one (now republished by Virago Modern Classics at £6.99) and nobody will be broken-hearted if her West End triumph, *Dear Octopus*, never sees the footlights again.

Dodie's sad fate is to embody features of the 1930s that deserve obscurity: the "brittle" frivolity, the anti-Semitism. She and her handsome husband, Alec Beesley, scarpered for America as soon as war looked likely, ostensibly because Alec was a pacifist — but, even from Grove's sympathetic account, the word "selfishness" springs to mind.

Dodie believed that she had "selflessly left England for Alec's beliefs", yet the truth was that she could not survive for a day without him to arrange her meals, money and mottled mutts while she wrote and read. Basking in the Californian sun, giggling and gossiping with Christopher Isherwood and John van Druten (the author, thanks to Dodie's encouragement, of *I am a Camera*), Dodie "ached to share D-Day so that she could write a Britain-at-war play". I'm sure she did.

THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY



Spot of fame: Smith is best remembered for Disney's One Hundred and One Dalmations

Grove does not probe the reasons for Dodie's childlessness. Instead she gives us the funny side: Dodie's devotion to animals, which extended to feeding rats like birds "until the lawn was alive with them".

Returning to a postwar England where playwrights had to politicise or die, she was baffled by writers such as Pinter: "One couldn't care less what happens next," she wrote of *The Birthday Party*.

But when in 1959 Walt Disney came to lunch, the anti-Semite in Dodie was charmed: "Walt's nickname was Mickey Rat, so she had expected a small, mean-looking Hollywood Jew; but he was tall, broad, Midwestern and good-looking." Grove reports all this gracefully, giving us the best of the irrepressible Dodie Smith without hiding the worst of her.

Sinister dealings in the dark alleys of a new democracy

The art of murder in Prague

■ THE PHOENIX OF PRAGUE
By Douglas Skeggs
Little, Brown, £15.99

PRAGUE, to Douglas Skeggs, is not the pretty, bustling area around Wenceslas Square but the grim backstreets, cramped apartments and crumbling buildings beyond the tourist havens. This is Prague as a symbol of the new European democracies, free of its former ideological shackles but not quite sure what to put in their place, a city in which shiny new democrats, old communists, fascists and unashamed opportunists struggle for a stake in the fledgling state.

Former Czech activist Jan Capek, now working for British intelligence, is sent back to his native city to find out who is feeding the English art market with high-class paintings from the collection of the Romanian dictator, Ceausescu. Capek's first contact has been killed minutes before his arrival. The police take violent exception to his presence in Prague. He finds himself in thrall to a beautiful painter with a murky past. His activities come to the attention of the sinister leader of a new political movement.

At the same time, his British masters are starting to behave strangely. Killings, beatings and frenetic chases occur with satisfying regularity. Ceausescu's works of art become the focus of something much more frightening.

The Phoenix of Prague has the feel of postwar Vienna, or Eric Ambler's Balkans between the wars. Skeggs has a feel for a place in political and social transition. He is also a good storyteller and he knows his paintings, too.

MARCEL BERLINS

The Times / Dillons Bestsellers

HARDBACK

			Last week	No. weeks
1	X-FILES BOOK OF THE UNEXPLAINED Vol 1 **Jane Goldman** *(Simon & Schuster)*	£15.99	2	9
2	IMMEDIATE ACTION **Andy McNab** *(Bantam)*	£15.99	3	10
3	DELIA SMITH'S WINTER COLLECTION **Delia Smith** *(BBC)*	£15.99	1	12
4	ENIGMA **Robert Harris** *(Hutchinson)*	£15.99	4	14
5	THE ROAD AHEAD **Bill Gates** *(Viking)*	£17.50	5	5
6	THE WINTER KING **Bernard Cornwell** *(Michael Joseph)*	£15.99	0	1
7	THE CONCISE OXFORD DICTIONARY *(OUP)*	£14.99	0	1
8	THE JOLLY POCKET POSTMAN **Jane & Alan Ahlberg** *(Heinemann)*	£10.99	0	3
9	MASKERADE **Terry Pratchett** *(Gollancz)*	£15.99	9	10
10	FROM POTTER'S FIELD **Patricia Cornwell** *(Little Brown)*	£15.99	8	14

PAPERBACK

			Last week	No. weeks
1	SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS **David Guterson** *(Bloomsbury)*	£5.99	1	16
2	LONG WALK TO FREEDOM **Nelson Mandela** *(Little Brown)*	£8.99	3	12
3	THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE: UNOFFICIAL GUIDE TO THE X-FILES **Brian Lowry** *(HarperCollins)*	£9.99	0	2
4	WRITING HOME **Alan Bennett** *(Faber)*	£7.99	2	13
5	REGENERATION **Pat Barker** *(Penguin)*	£5.99	5	8
6	THE STATE WE'RE IN **Will Hutton** *(Vintage)*	£7.99	0	1
7	INTERESTING TIMES **Terry Pratchett** *(Corgi)*	£4.99	8	9
8	THE LAST HUMAN **Doug Naylor** *(Penguin)*	£5.99	17	8
9	BORROWED TIME **Robert Goddard** *(Corgi)*	£4.99	13	3
10	THE JUROR **George Dawes Green** *(Bantam)*	£5.99	0	1

Any book from this list can be ordered from Dillons Mail Order Tel: 0171 636 1577 Fax: 0171 580 7680 DILLONS

Passion flowers

■ THE LOVE LETTER
By Cathleen Schine
Sceptre, £5.99

"IT'S PREPOSTEROUS for a middle-aged woman to fall in love with a boy unless you are that middle-aged woman and you have fallen in love with the boy." Thank goodness for that. The queasy feelings experienced by female forty-somethings on reading *The Love Letter* are mitigated by Cathleen Schine's honesty and by a final twist in the story that goes some way to neutralising the distrust of middle age lurking in the text. These shifts in perspective are characteristic of the novel's see-saw charm and pleasantly provoking content.

Divorced, attractive and running a bookshop in Pequot, a seaside town in New England, Helen acknowledges that life is good even with her daughter away and her former husband making so much money. The bookshop is thriving, partly because of her light, flirtatious touch with customers, partly because of her eclectic taste and stringent standards, partly to the local taste for military history.

She is not an easy boss, something which the two students working in their summer vacation discover. So too does the third: good-looking Johnny who sports an earring and a mouth like Jeanne Moreau's. Then Helen discovers a letter left lying in the store. "How does one fall in love?" it asks the unknown "Goat" to whom it is addressed, and triggers thereby the deconstruction of Helen's certainties.

Borrowing the idea from Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, *The Love Letter* is a neatly plotted, thriftily constructed meditation on the power of suggestion. As Helen discovers, if a love affair is founded on airy nothings, subsequent unleashed emotions can be anything but. The references are literary and structure precisely balanced. but the tone is unalarming and the prose, which occasionally plunges into the arch, traces the hesitations, subterfuges and desperations of love with the thoroughness of the well acquainted.

Helen had spent her life being comfortable. Now she was not. Now "she understood passion and, helpless to do otherwise, she clung to it" — and the author is very convincing on its unexpected and treacherous depths.

ELIZABETH BUCHAN

Zencey: historical thriller

Adams on the eve of the century

■ PANAMA
By Eric Zencey
Sceptre, £9.99, paperback original

SOMETIMES fiction veers too close to history for its own good. The true story of the construction of the Panama Canal, begun by the French in 1881 and finished by the Americans in 1914, is so remarkable in its own right that any novel propped up against its bulk is in danger of looking a little thin. The French effort, overseen by *le grand Français*, Ferdinand de Lesseps — the builder of Suez — collapsed in the face of bad planning, the ravages of disease and mysterious fraud; it was not until 1904, under the charismatic aegis of Theodore Roosevelt, that the struggle to build a path between the seas would be resumed.

It is a brave novelist who inserts his own mystery into this exciting stew, and a braver one still who takes as his detective Henry Adams, journalist, historian, the descendant of two presidents and redoubtable author of the nine-volume *History of the United States of America during the Administrations of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison*. Eric Zencey's *Panama* is set in 1892, in a Paris still rocked by the Canal scandal. Adams, not yet recovered from the suicide of his wife seven years earlier, is drawn to Miriam Talbott, a free-spirited American art student; when another woman's body is fished out of the Seine and identified as hers, he sets out on a quest that will lead him to the heart of governmental corruption — on both sides of the Atlantic.

Panama inevitably invites comparison with *The Alienist*, another thriller set in the 19th century on the cusp of the development of forensic detection. And as Caleb Carr recreated *fin-de-siècle* New York, so Zencey has brought Paris alive, right down to the "baked-fish scent" of iron made hot by the new electric lights. More importantly he has given us a Henry Adams who is recognisably the author of *The Education of Henry Adams* and a fine fictional creation, one who, wifeless, "knew himself to be more portable in the world" and so game for some spare-time sleuthing.

Zencey is himself an historian and a contributing editor of *North American Review* — which Adams once edited. In choosing not the whole broad scope of the Panama saga for his backcloth but an as yet obscure detail of its history, he has created a story that is both thriller and an examination of a changing world. In his first novel, Zencey has proved himself well up to the task of sustaining our interest and suspending our disbelief.

ERICA WAGNER

PARIS CERAMICS
Est. 1982

SALE NOW ON

Winter Sale reductions across the entire
range of Limestones, Terracottas and
12th Century reclaimed stone floors.
Discounts of up to 50% on certain
end of range or stock items.

583 KINGS ROAD, LONDON SW6 2EH
TEL: 0171-371 7778 FAX: 0171-371 8395

4 MONTPELLIER STREET, HARROGATE, N YORKS HG1 2RY
TEL: 01423 523877 FAX: 01423 523911

[illegible]

WRITERS ALERT

If you are not already a member of one of our services, please take what could be a turning point in your writing career and send for a FREE copy (postage 4 x 1st class stamps) of HOW TO WRITE A MI££ION. The book (published at £9.99) includes three previous bestsellers which inspired Michael Ridpath to write the novel that earned him over a million pounds, currently being made into a film.

With your copy comes details of our highly esteemed services including:
• Writers News, the top magazine for writers! The 'Voice of Writing', with its amazing coverage of everything from market news and practical matters of concern to inspiration and guidance over a huge spectrum.
• Writers Book Society, the book club exclusive to writers, offering a far wider range than you'll find in your local bookshop, at a guaranteed discount... and great introductory offer.
• Our super quality home study courses for writers run by a great team offering a truly personal service. Simply, we aim to be the best, and our students love us.
• Competitions, many with £1,000 cash first prizes.

Beware... our enthusiasm is contagious!

How to Write a Mi££ion
THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO BECOMING A SUCCESSFUL AUTHOR
FREE p&p only

I enclose 4 × 1st class stamps – please send me my FREE copy of How to Write a Mi££ion

Mr/Mrs/Miss ……………………………………

Address ……………………………………

…………………………… Postcode ……………

Please return to: Writers News, Dept NOM1, PO Box 4, Nairn IV12 4HU

RECORDINGS

NEW ON CD: Grasping and missing the Handel; Tippett's grief; ambient roots; Jean genius

CHAMBER

Hilary Finch

■ HANDEL
The Complete Sonatas for Recorder
Verbruggen/Koopman/Ter Linden
Harmonia mundi
HMU 907151★★

Suites for Keyboard
Keith Jarrett
ECN New Series
1530 445 298-2★

HERE are two widely differing views of Handel. The excellent Dutch trio of flautist Marion Verbruggen, harpsichordist Ton Koopman and cellist Jaap Ter Linden have performed all the sonatas Handel wrote during the 1720s for the sweet-voiced recorder, English flute, or flute à bec, as it was called in 18th-century England.

Jarrett: strangely numb

A copy of a 1730 Jacob Denner alto recorder makes its stately ornamented progress through the Sonata No 11 in F. For the Fourth Sonata, in A minor, a copy of a 1700 Thomas Stanesby alto recorder is lit by the coppery glint of Koopman's harpsichord playing and the stride of Jaap Ter Linden's cello.

The little 1730 Stanesby voice flute in D duets with the cello's long-breathed lines in the Largo of the Sonata No 9 in D minor, before hiding and seeking its way irresistibly through the Presto's chase.

The meeting of the versatile classical and jazz pianist Keith Jarrett with Handel is a disappointment. This most imaginative of performers seems strangely numb in the face of the composer whose keyboard suites he has apparently been studying for 20 years. And when it comes to an encounter with Handel as improvisatory composer, Jarrett is only demure and mild-mannered.

OPERETTA

John Higgins

■ SULLIVAN
The Yeomen of the Guard
Mellor/Palmer/Archer/Suart/Maxwell/Welsh National Opera Orchestra/Mackerras
Trial by Jury
Evans/Banks/Suart/Welsh National Opera Orchestra/Mackerras
Telarc CD-80404 (2 CDs)★★

TELARC'S *Yeomen* follows too closely on the excellent Philips version of Gilbert & Sullivan's tale of double dealings at the Tower for commercial comfort. But *Yeomen* is in the WNO repertoire, so *Yeomen it was to be*.

Spoken dialogue is reduced to a couple of shreds to allow *Trial by Jury* to be fitted onto the second CD. *Yeomen*, whose plot has a few wriggles, suffers from this approach. Act I, with short number following hot on the heels of short number until the complex finale, is in danger of sounding perfunctory and too homespun.

Charles Mackerras really grips the piece in the second act when Richard Suart's Jack Point, wistful and self-deprecating, comes into his own. Felicity Palmer's Dame Carruthers keeps the rack turning in the Tower with a certain amount of vibrato. But Neill Archer's Fairfax sounds merely bland. Alwyn Mellor's soprano is too heavy for Elsie (a diffcult role), and Pamela Helen Stephen makes an anonymous Phoebe.

The real bonus in this issue lies in the whizzing performance of *Trial by Jury*. The cast, led by Suart's jolly Judge, puts a leer on some of Gilbert's most suggestive couplets. Barry Banks and Rebecca Evans as the litigants would grace any breach-of-promise court. Don't dilly-dally at the Tower, drop into the Old Bailey.

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

■ TIPPETT
The Heart's Assurance; Concerto for Double String Orchestra; Divertimento on "Sellinger's Round"; Little Music for String Orchestra
Ainsley/City of London Sinfonia/Hickox
Chandos CHAN 9409★★★

THE LATEST disc in Richard Hickox's Tippett series for Chandos, this time with the City of London Sinfonia, attractively balances the known and the less known, including a premiere recording.

The latter is of Tippett's superb song cycle *The Heart's Assurance*, not in the usual version for tenor and piano, but in the orchestration made by Meirion Bowen. *The Heart's Assurance* was Tippett's response to the suicide of a close friend, Francesca Allinson. The composer's grief and bitterness were so profound that he could bring himself to make these settings of poems by Sidney Keyes and Alun Lewis only five years later, and those emotions are projected more powerfully than ever in Bowen's skilful orchestration. John Mark Ainsley is the excellent tenor soloist.

In the Concerto for Double String Orchestra, Hickox draws lively, responsive playing from the Sinfonia. The *Divertimento on "Sellinger's Round"* is derived from a multi-composer commission for the 1953 Aldeburgh Festival. Tippett subsequently expanded his contribution, and this piece and the *Little Music for String Orchestra* are given alert, stylish performances.

JAZZ

Clive Davis

■ KATHLEEN BATTLE
So Many Stars
Sony Classical SK 68473★★★

BILLIE HOLIDAY she is not, but on this soothing collection of spirituals, ballads and lullabies Kathleen Battle sensibly makes no pretensions to being a jazz diva. Aware that La Scala and Birdland do not easily mix, she remains true to her classical background, and relies on her select group of musicians — led by the pianist Cyrus Chestnut — to take care of the swing.

The one occasion where her phrasing seems excessively formal is, in fact, the title tune, where Alan and Marilyn Bergman's lyrics call for a certain degree of intimacy and relaxation. The rest works surprisingly well on its own terms. Chestnut is just the right man for *Steal Away* and the Creole lullaby *Fais Do Do*, while Grover Washington's lightweight soprano saxophone, usually out of its depth in a straight jazz context, forms a genial foil to Battle.

Battle: no pretensions

Romero Lubambo's acoustic guitar brings a Latin hue to the lilting interpretation of Villa-Lobos's *Melodia Sentimental*. Overall, jazz lovers may find it frustrating to hear a high-class group being so careful to play within its limits, yet this is one of those occasions where quiet and introspection offer their own rewards.

POP ALBUM

David Sinclair

■ VARIOUS ARTISTS
Ocean of Sound
Virgin AMBT 10 (2 CDs)★★★

ASSEMBLED by author and musician David Toop, *Ocean of Sound* is an intriguing and free-ranging exploration of so-called "ambient" music. Designed as a companion to Toop's book, *Ocean of Sound — Aether Talk, Ambient Sound and Imaginary Worlds* (published by Serpent's Tail), it is a compilation of tracks that all shed light in one way or another on the often overlooked relationship between the sound of music and the sounds of the environment from whence it came.

The album's range is phenomenal: from the frantic squalls of free jazz noise produced (acoustically) by the Peter Brotzmann Octet on their 1968 recording of *Machine Gun* and the distressed guitar overload of the Velvet Underground (*I Heard Her Call My Name*) and My Bloody Valentine (*Loomer*) to the pastoral beauty of Claude Debussy's *Prélude à l'Après-midi d'un Faune* played by the English Chamber Orchestra. Along the way we hear "field" recordings of Buddhist chants, howler monkeys, boat horns, train whistles, and birdsong.

The imaginative sequencing and skilful editing together of the tracks to produce a virtually seamless listening experience out of such wildly diverse material is certainly impressive. And as a vehicle for illustrating Toop's point — that there is a hidden world of music within the sounds that are occuring around us all the time, and that these sounds help to shape and determine our notions of what music actually is — it functions magnificently.

POP SINGLE

David Sinclair

■ BABYLON ZOO
Spaceman
EMI 8 82649★★

FOLLOWING the pattern of songs by Stiltskin, Shaggy, the Clash and others, *Spaceman* is the latest soundtrack from a Levis advertisement to head for instant chart glory. The debut single by British group Babylon Zoo, it has proved the perfect accompaniment for the "alien babe" commercial but also holds up in its own right.

A heavily synthesized rocker, with an oddly lurching, varispeed intro, *Spaceman* is rich in futuristic imagery, with echoes of David Bowie and Gary Numan that extend well beyond its title. "Morbid fascinations, television takes control . . . Electronic information tampers with your soul," sings Jas Mann, the group's 24-year-old songwriter and leader. With its bright, icy appeal and a moody undercurrent, it sounds as if it should wear well. Like the jeans.

★ Worth hearing
★★ Worth considering
★★★ Worth buying

NEW ON VIDEO: The summer before Stalin; nobbling Ty Cobb; Antonioni double bill

Happy family: a last, sweet season in Mikhalkov's *Burnt by the Sun*

■ BURNT BY THE SUN
Fox, 15, 1994

DIRECTOR Nikita Mikhalkov works hard engineering the Chekhovian atmosphere of a country house basking in a hot summer's day as Stalin begins his purges. Mikhalkov himself plays the Bolshevik hero enjoying the sweet life at his dacha. Both as actor and director he tends towards self-indulgence, and his daughter Nadia, a six-year-old witness to the drama, proves a mixed blessing. The sweeping camerawork is easy on the eye, but the film needs more darts of irony.

■ L'AVVENTURA
Connoisseur, PG, 1959

ANTONIONI'S brand of enigmatic cinema has long since fallen from fashion, but this archetypal example can still enthral if you adjust to the film's rhythms and stop worrying over the wafer-thin plot about a woman's disappearance from a yacht. Monica Vitti leads the friends whose search for the missing woman prompts beautiful compositions and existential dread.

■ BYE BYE LOVE
Fox Guild, 12, 1995

HOLLYWOOD comedy conceived by, and for, male baby-boomers. Three recently divorced dads head the plot, and retro sounds fill the soundtrack, while the jokes deal with former wives, new girlfriends and weekend custody of the kids. A few funny scenes arrive when Randy Quaid embarks on a disastrous blind date, but the bulk is wearisome.

■ COBB
Warner, 18, 1994

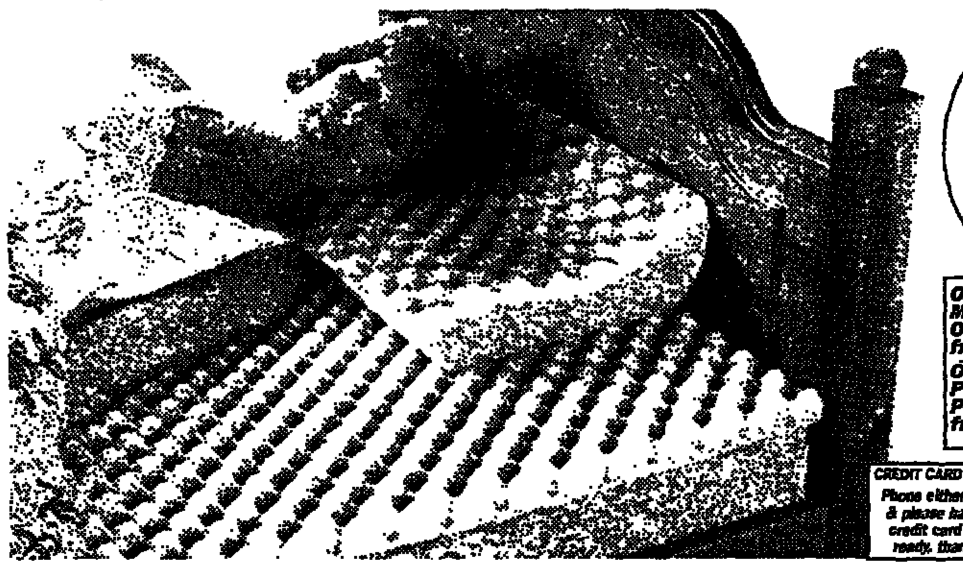
BIOGRAPHICAL movies usually have sympathetic subjects. Not so this prickly treatment of American baseball legend Ty Cobb, portrayed as a monstrous egomaniac, violent and racist, struggling in old age to dictate rosy memoirs to a tormented journalist. Tommy Lee Jones's fiery performance is worth watching, and director Ron Shelton shows exceptional feeling for the lore and language of American sports. A rental release.

■ IL DESERTO ROSSO
Connoisseur, 15, 1964

WITH *Red Desert*, Antonioni added colour to his armoury, wielding it with the same rigorous control that he used over composition and editing. Monica Vitti returns as his central character, a woman in Ravenna toying with an affair in the midst of a nervous breakdown. Antonioni conjures extraordinary images from the bleak industrial landscape.

GEOFF BROWN

SHOPAROUND



We GUARANTEE the best night's sleep you've ever had ..or your money back..without quibble..no more aches & pains!!

Now's the time to buy ...it's our SUPER SALE We GUARANTEE OUR PRICES CANNOT BE BEATEN ANYWHERE!

Ortho Magic MATTRESS OVERLAYS from only £16.95
Ortho Magic POSTURE PILLOWS from only £3.50 EACH WHEN YOU BUY 2 SMOOTH PILLOWS

CREDIT CARD ORDERS (8.30am - 8.30pm, 7 days a week)
Phone either number & please have your credit card details ready, thank you. 0181 763 0424

All you have to do is just lay a Super Soft ORTHO MAGIC MATTRESS OVERLAY on top of your existing mattress! The soothing contours mould to your body...it's sheer HEAVEN!

Fantastic new product is GUARANTEED to give you the chance of a GREAT NIGHT'S SLEEP at last. The sensational SUPER SOFT nodular ripple surface adjusts to the contours of your body, evenly spreading your body weight and aiding circulation.. thus helping to reduce the specific pressures that cause discomfort in the night. No more sleepless nights, you'll wake up feeling refreshed and raring to go.
Send for your New Ortho Magic Super Soft Mattress Overlay. When it arrives, pop it on top of your old mattress. It's that simple

You'll sleep sweeter than you have ever known before ....THAT'S OUR GUARANTEE OR YOUR MONEY BACK. (This does not affect your statutory rights!)

These Ortho Magic products are now offered at greatly reduced prices in our SUPER SALE. To be sure you can take advantage of these tremendous discounts, we will guarantee to honour these prices to all readers who RESPOND BY FEBRUARY 2ND 1996

So please do not delay, order today and forget those aches, pains and sleepless nights.

HOW TO ORDER ...your Ortho Magic Overlay & Posture Pillow. Simply fill in the coupon clearly and post today. Or telephone our operators who will personally take your order on 0181 763 0424, 8.30am - 8.30 pm, 7 days a week. Either way, we gladly accept Access/Visa or Mastercard. Your overlay/pillow will be despatched to you within 5 days. All Pillows and Mattress Overlays carry our full guarantee. This does not affect your statutory rights. You are also welcome to purchase direct from our factory where we hold these products in stock.
DIRECT FOAM (DEPT TT2) Unit 1, 13 Hillbury Rd, Whyteleafe, Surrey CR3 0ER

PLUS The Ortho Magic POSTURE PILLOWS
Designed to reduce muscle stress and strain by keeping your head aligned with the body (unlike feather pillows, which offer little or no support at all). When you order a Double/King size Mattress Overlay and Pillow together, we'll send you another pillow FREE. These 18" x 13" ORTHO MAGIC PILLOWS beat all competition for QUALITY & COMFORT. Originally from £14.50 SALE PRICE from only £3.50 each (if you buy two smooth pillows) Or £7.95 for Deluxe RIPPLE Pillow as shown.

• REGULAR PILLOWS ...lack of support can easily cause muscle strain
• ORTHO MAGIC PILLOWS support your neck & spine to help ensure a good night's sleep at last!

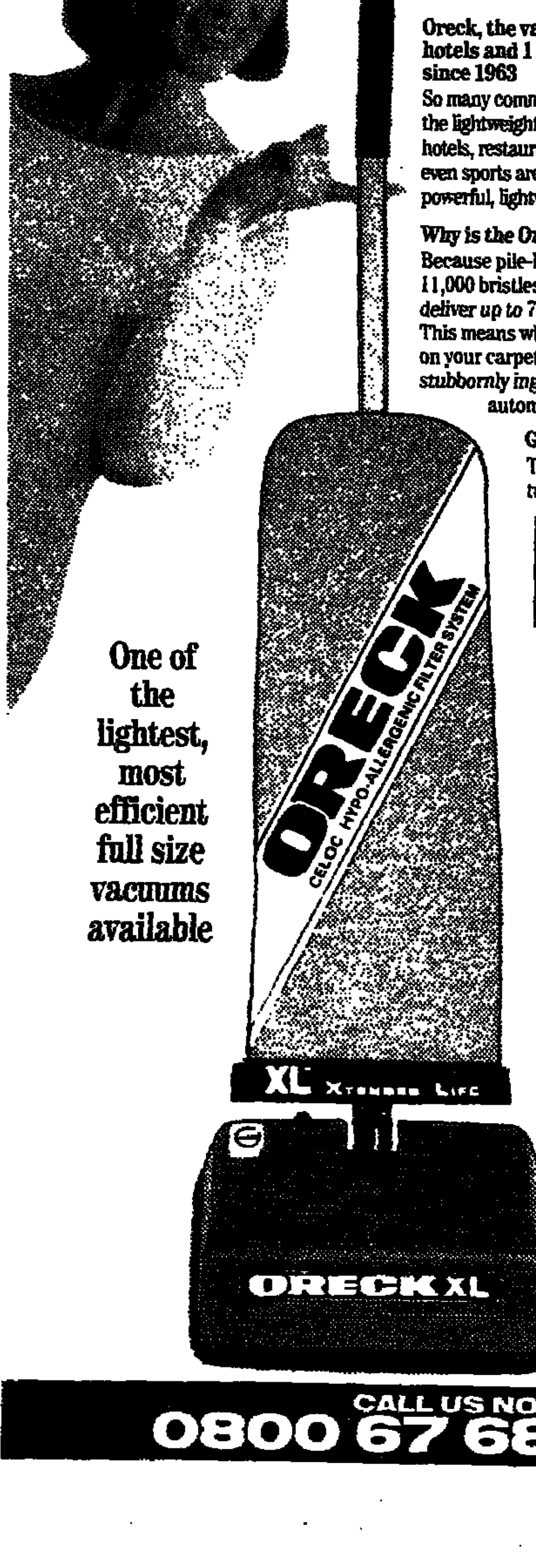
WHY NOT VISIT BRITAIN'S NO 1 FOAM SPECIALISTS FOR *Cushion Refilling Service and *Made to measure Mattresses to YOUR OWN requirements
SAGGING SOFA? We can make your chairs look as good as new AND SAVE YOU A REAL FORTUNE!
...with our expert cushion refilling service. Give your favourite suite a new lease of life
For details of this replacement service (or a FREE COLOUR BROCHURE), the ONLY number to ring is 0181 763 0424 or why not come down to Whyteleafe and seek the advice of our friendly expert staff

DIRECT FOAM (Dept TT2) UNIT 1,
13 HILLBURY RD., WHYTELEAFE, SURREY CR3 0ER
PLEASE SEND ITEMS INDICATED BELOW:

FREE ORDER ONE PILLOW AND ONE DOUBLE or KING SIZE MATTRESS & GET AN EXTRA PILLOW FREE! Please tick box to claim ☐

PRODUCT	HOW MANY	WAS	NOW £	TOTAL
SINGLE BED MATTRESS 2FT 6INS		42.50	16.95	
SINGLE BED MATTRESS 3FT		52.50	19.50	
DOUBLE BED MATTRESS 4FT 6INS		62.95	23.50	
KING SIZE MATTRESS 5FT		72.95	34.50	
1 x SMOOTH POSTURE PILLOW		14.50	6.45	
2 x SMOOTH POSTURE PILLOWS		30.00	3.50	
1 x DELUXE POSTURE PILLOW		18.50	7.95	
2 x DELUXE POSTURE PILLOWS		37.00	15.00	
Please quote TT2 WHEN ORDERING			PLUS P & P	£4.45
			TOTAL £	

MR/MRS/MS
ADDRESS
POST CODE
(*Using your Post Code helps for quicker delivery)
I ENCLOSE .... CHEQUE/PO made payable to Direct Foam Supply Company
or please charge to my ACCESS/VISA Card No
Signature .... Expiry Date



Pollen, Pet-hairs, Dust and Dust Mites...Virtually Nothing Escapes the 8½lb ORECK Vacuum!

Oreck, the vacuum chosen by 50,000 hotels and 1 million homes in the USA since 1963
So many commercial organisations insist on the lightweight Oreck XL to clean up in hotels, restaurants, conference halls and even sports arenas. Why? Because it's powerful, lightweight and incredibly durable.

Why is the Oreck so efficient?
Because pile-lifting roller brushes with 11,000 bristles spin at 6,500 rpm and deliver up to 70 million strokes a minute. This means when the Oreck sets to work on your carpet, it tackles the most stubbornly ingrained dirt and even adjusts automatically to bare floors.

Great for allergy sufferers
The Oreck's filtration system traps 99.4% of all microscopic irritants as small as 0.1 micron, that can cause allergic reactions and the misery of sneezing and streaming eyes.

Ingenious "top-fill" action
Conventional cleaners draw dirt through the bottom of the bag constantly churning up old dirt. But the Oreck uses its hollow handle to pump dirt into the top of the bag, gently laying it down upon the previous layer. Yesterdays dirt cannot seep out.

House cleaning will be easier - or your money back!
Being incredibly lightweight it is easier to lift, push, and to pull. In fact, the air-glide system practically pushes it for you. The handle is orthopaedically designed and can help those with painful joint disorders of the hand or wrist.

One of the lightest, most efficient full size vacuums available

Oreck 2-year guarantee.
Both motors carry a two year guarantee (free of charge) that's the confidence of over 30 years production.

Comprehensive UK after-sales service
●
15 days trial in your own home
●
Interest Free easy payment terms
●
Find out more - call for details

FREE worth £79 — the amazing hand-held super compact vac with the twin turbo motor. It weighs only 4lbs, yet has immense power. It's designed as a companion to the upright vac for all those awkward places such as upholstery, curtains, stairs, radiators and car interiors. It comes complete with 9 attachments.

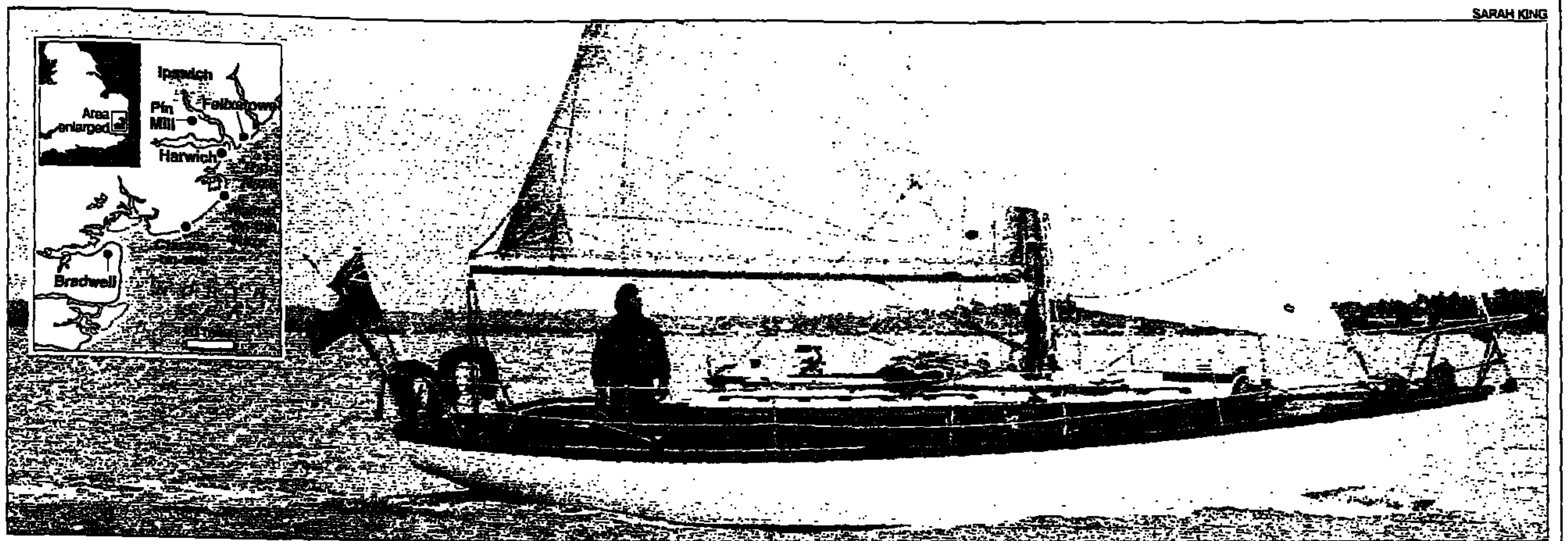
The supplier of this product is: Salestrac Ltd. Cowley Bridge Rd. Exeter, Devon EX4 5HQ as agent for Oreck Corporation

☐ YES! I want to discover more about how the Oreck XL makes all the difference. PLEASE SEND ME MY FREE, NO-OBLIGATION INFORMATION PACK. 0252
Name
Address
Postcode
Telephone: Day: Eve:
Please return this coupon to Oreck Corporation, FREEPOST (EX 151), Exeter, EX1 1AZ. We'll pay the postage - you do not need a stamp. Send no money now. No obligation. No salesperson will visit.

CALL US NOW-FREE ON
0800 67 68 69 Quoting code no. 0252

هكذا من الأصل

SAILING: Undaunted by the conditions, **Edward Gorman** makes an East Coast odyssey



Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent of *The Times*, at the helm of *Nutcracker* on the Blackwater. The sea was flat calm on his outward voyage, a heavy swell on the return

Chilled in a pea soup

Fog in January in the Wallet, *off Clacton in* Essex. A flat calm. Not *a breath of wind to stir* the surface. *Nutcracker*, my *35-foot* cutter, driven by her engine, plugging on into the gloom.

This was the second time I had invited a friend, Dan, to share the dubious pleasures of a "winter cruise". He was beginning to wonder whether we would ever hoist a sail or see anything. Once again we were out in a windless pea soup, and far from enjoying the delights of the East Coast — views of Clacton pier, Frinton-on-Sea, Walton-on-the-Naze *and Harwich har*bour — our field of vision was *restricted to a couple of hun*dred yards either side of the boat.

As we nervously slid out of the Blackwater Estuary, looking for the Bench Head buoy, our eyes fixed on the compass which alone could guide us from one waypoint to another, a seal dipped lazily below the surface alongside us. After that we saw almost nothing — except the rubbish which an agitated sea normally conceals.

There were bits *of plastic* everywhere, what looked like *part of a staircase floating out* towards Holland, tiny oil slicks. A condom drifted past.

Dan put a brave face on it all. "It's like the title sequence to *Arena*," he said as I went below for the Jack Daniel's. "That bottle floating in the Atlantic. Except we are miles from the open ocean."

Then there was the cold. The forecast had spoken of a south to south-easterly which, had it materialised, would have been far preferable to a dreaded *northerly, and a maximum air* temperature of seven degrees. *After several hours in the* cockpit, we were beginning to feel the *chill*, starting in our boots and working its way up.

The Jack Daniel's proved a worthy foil as we pressed on past the occasional lobster pot, through a flat, cold sea which would have killed us in less than half an hour, had either of us fallen in. Although I have a Decca navigation system on board, its workings remain a mystery to me and it has not even been plugged in since the boat was rewired last year. Sailing with the tide dead *astern, we simply followed the* compass courses between buoys, using the Medusa buoy off the Naze Ledge as our point to turn into Harwich.

Our itinerary was the staple diet of East Coast sailors — a trip from Bradwell Marina on the Blackwater Estuary in Essex, along the coast through the Wallet, into Harwich harbour past Felixstowe docks, then up the Orwell river to the *hamlet* of Pin Mill in Suffolk, where the idea was to pick up a *mooring and go ashore for* dinner.

The journey, of some 35 miles each way, is ideal for a two-day outing and can offer challenging sailing at sea followed by the tranquil rural elegance of the Orwell.

Pin Mill, an old shipbuilding and smuggling village where ships were demagnetised during the last war to protect them from mines, is among the most inviting destinations for the east coast sailor. In his guide *Tideways and Byways in Essex and Suffolk*, Archie White put it like this: "It has been said that at *sometime* in their lives all Mohammedans go to Mecca: it might be said with equal truth that, sooner or later, all yachtsmen drop their hooks at Pin Mill."

It could have something to do with the Butt & Oyster pub, which is one of the finest in England. Dan, who was new to it, described it as "a proper mad old place that's hard to get to, serving wonderful ale".

In the summer Pin Mill is *swamped with people*, including yachtsmen *from as far afield as* Holland, France, Belgium and the English south coast. In the Butt it's ten deep in the bar. Yet Dan and *I had it all* to ourselves. We reached our mooring in the dark after passing through Felixstowe, with its huge cranes and container ships.

Nutcracker, safely on her mooring, bobbed on the tide as we lit the oil lamps and the cabin heater, and waited for enough water to row ashore. After three pints of bitter by the open fire, and a hearty meal, we talked about our hopes for a cracking sail back the next day.

"It was frustrating but interesting — I quite liked it," said Dan philosophically. "I feel as if I am part of a novel — sailing through the fog not knowing where you're going. But what I want now is to get some real sailing."

During a fitful sleep on board, we realised this was exactly what we would get. *Nutcracker* was bouncing *around in increasingly* choppy waters. Halyards on the mast *clinked and cracked* all night as the wind grew in strength, *blowing the fog away*. The early morning forecast spoke of a *south-easterly force* five increasing to six or seven — ideal for driving the boat at speed against the tide.

As we set off with a reef in the mainsail and the jib partly rolled, Dan saw the Orwell estuary for the first time when the mist gradually lifted and we headed down the river and out into Harwich harbour.

In the approaches, a big swell was building and *Nutcracker* crashed and slid off the waves, steaming along at about seven knots through a gusting wind. We were getting regularly soaked, but it was thrilling stuff.

For Dan this was the business. After going below to try to make two cups of coffee, almost scalding himself and throwing it all around the cabin floor, he emerged through the hatch. "We're rounding Cape Horn now, aren't we?" he asked.

All the frustrations of the day before fell away as *Nutcracker* charged back past Walton, then Frinton, then Clacton. We had a clear view of them and didn't even bother *to look at the compass*.

As we turned in towards the *Blackwater*, we had the wind on our beam and the sun came *out to welcome us. Nutcracker* settled on to a gentle reach and *we whizzed up against the tide* under full sail past North Eagle buoy, the Colne Bar and the Bench Head until Bradwell nuclear power station came into view.

People have joked that, in the fog, you can find your way into Bradwell marina using a Geiger counter. Luckily we didn't need one as we made our way up the narrow channel in the dark and back into our berth.

Feather report

Secrets of the pecking order

BIRDS soon recover from the cold weather and, if it stays mild, their life can be quite agreeable as the days start to grow longer. There is food *enough for the present, and* increasing time to feed.

Green woodpeckers provide a good example. They like to *eat ants best, and the most* common view of them is as *they fly up from a stretch of* grass, and loop away like a *blob of golden light into the* trees.

They are very good at finding and catching ants. Large *anthills provide easy* prey, but they also search for *ants under the turf. They dig* exploratory holes in a lawn *with* their long beaks, and when they find ants, they lick them up with their long, sticky tongues. They will take the eggs, the grubs and the insects.

If the ants run up their legs and on to their feathers, they shake them off by kicking their feet in the air. Even in snowy weather, they are good at delving beneath the snow and finding ants, though they may suffer when the ground is frozen solid.

They do not really peck wood very much. In the summer, they still collect ants from the leaves and branches of trees. They do *sometimes* extract beetles from *rotten timber*, but they peck at tree *trunks mainly to ex*cavate the holes in which they nest and roost. There is a record of one making holes in a beehive in cold weather, apparently attracted by the humming inside — but it did not actually eat the bees.

In the winter they live solitary lives, eating and roosting alone. Sometimes they have a little doze, clinging to the tree trunk, before they go into their roosting hole for the night.

But next month they will pair up again. In many cases, *the same two birds will come* together as last year, because *they do not stray far from* home. The burst of sharp, *laughing cries that they make* as they fly off will modulate *into a longer, plummier* laugh, which is the equivalent *of their song — and we shall* have another sign that spring *is on the way*.

Incidentally, the flocks of *waxwings that have been com*ing into Britain from Scandi*navia in the past couple of* weeks are also going to find *life easy for a while. They feed* on berries, and there are still *plenty of those on the bushes.* They particularly like cotoneasters — and that is where to look out for them.

DERWENT MAY

- **What's about:** *Birders — watch out for courtship displays by great crested grebes and other water fowl. Twitchers — for details of sightings call Birdline, 0891 700222. Calls cost 40p a minute cheap rate, 50p a minute at all other times.*

Green woodpeckers: ant seekers

SHOPAROUND

Forget the Cold, Wet, Snow & Ice!

SNOW SHOES

FOR MEN & WOMEN

They're GUARANTEED to keep you SNUG, WARM, DRY & SO COMFY

Yes try them for 28 days ...if you are in anyway dissatisfied with the quality & value ...simply return them for a no quibble refund. (& that does not affect your statutory rights)

Warm & Cosy "FLEECY THERMAL LINED"

- WATER RESISTANT
- GLOVE SOFT LUXURY STYLING

BEFORE PAYING £29.99 FOR OTHER SNOW SHOES Try ours...

FOR ONLY £10* +P&P

The World's LIGHTEST, WARMEST...and MOST COMFORTABLE!

WARM & SO COSY "FLEECY THERMAL LINING"

EASY-ENTRY TWIN ZIPPED FRONT FLAP ...no more struggling to put on!

"SURE-GRIP" SOLES ...helps you walk safely in Snow, Ice and Rain (Style of Sole may vary slightly)

- SO FEATHERWEIGHT you'll forget you're wearing shoes at all
- IDEAL for BUSINESS and CASUAL WEAR
- Luxurious FOAM CUSHIONED Comfort

SO CUSHIONY SOFT & FLEXIBLE ...you can fold the man made uppers & sole IN HALF

Featherlight ...it's like walking on AIR

You will look smart & feel warm, no matter how bad the weather! These NEW SNOW SHOES are so light & flexible yet so hard wearing. Perfect for business and casual wear. Inspect them at home for 28 days. If you are not delighted with the QUALITY and VALUE, simply return for a no quibble refund (& that does not affect your statutory rights) AXIOM (Dept 838-102) HARRINGTON DOCK, LIVERPOOL X, L70 1AX.

Telephone Ordering Service
ACCESS/VISA CARD HOLDERS PLEASE DIAL
0151 708 7777
QUOTING AXIOM DEPT 838-102 TO PLACE YOUR ORDERS BETWEEN 8.30AM-10.00PM ALSO AT WEEKENDS

AXIOM Post to: AXIOM (Dept 838-102) HARRINGTON DOCK, LIVERPOOL X, L70 1AX

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss ____________ (PRINT)
ADDRESS ____________ (PRINT)
POST CODE ____________

Please indicate your order below. IF YOU BUY MORE, YOU SAVE MORE!

		ITEM NO	SIZE	PRICE	[illegible]	TOTAL
Specify MENS Sizes 6-11	BLACK	7672		£10		
	BROWN	7673		£10		
Specify LADIES Sizes 4-8	BLACK	7674		£10		
	BROWN	7675		£10		
SUB TOTAL						
Please add £2.95 post, packing & handling per pair *						
GRAND TOTAL						

Make cheques payable to Axiom or charge my ACCESS/VISA CARD NO:
☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Expiry date........ Signature........

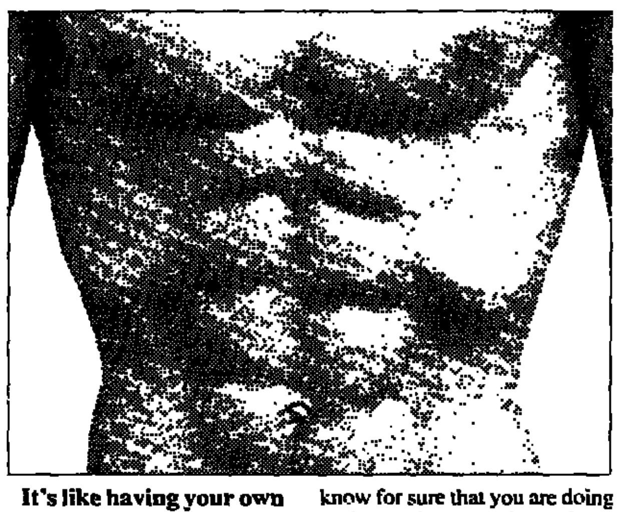
Offer applies for U.K. Mainland and N.I. only
☐ Please tick here or let us know if you do not wish to be notified of any further special offers from unaffiliated companies. Please allow up to 28 days for despatch. Jasbo Trading Limited T/A Axiom. Registration number 0879200

SAVE MORE!
☐ 1 PAIR for £10
☐ 2 PAIRS for £17 SAVE £3.00
☐ 3 PAIRS for £25 SAVE £5.00
*Please add £2.95 for Post, Packing & handling for each pair

GENUINE BIRTHDAY NEWSPAPERS
From famous archive saved from 1642-1995. Also Sunday Newspapers from 1915. Ready for presentation. Same day dispatch.
REMEMBER WHEN
368 Brighton Road,
South Croydon, Surrey
0181-688 6323

CUBES SHELVING TRESTLES DESKS ETC
Inexpensive drawers, record units wardrobes, cupboards & shelving beech, white, black for home/work
Mail-order catalogue (or visit us)
CubeStore 58 Pembroke Rd W8
0181 994 6016 (24hrs) also Suffolk

HOUSE DUST MITE? ASTHMA? RHINITIS?
GUARANTEED AIR POROUS MITE FREE BEDDING COVERS
Send for details & VAT exemption
Allergy Relief Products Ltd, Mansion House, Mansion Road, SO15 3BP
Tel: 01703 332919/586709
Fax: 01703 332919/676226


Can you spare just 7 minutes a day to have a flat, firm, sexy stomach?

If the answer is yes, I have wonderful news about my *new Video that can give you* the kind of flat stomach that will be the envy of everyone.

My name is Jill Knipp. I am a Certified Personal Trainer and I have developed a new Stomach Flattening Video containing 7 simple stomach exercises that take 7 minutes to complete. Yes, just 7 *minutes* – about the time it takes to make breakfast or take a shower.

I promise you that if you devote just 7 *minutes* a day *to these* simple exercises you can have a flat, firm, attractive midsection faster than you ever dreamed possible.

Why this belly-flattening video works in just 7 minutes a day

The abdominal *exercises in my* Video work ONLY your abdominal muscles. They do not work your back, neck or other parts of your body. The 7 simple exercises in my Video automatically target your abdominal muscles – *and only your abdominal* muscles.

My Video guarantees you a perfect abdominal workout every time – all in just 7 minutes. *And these exercises are safe*, effective, fun – and they work.

The 7 stomach exercises in my Video will smooth out, firm and flatten the muscles in your midsection. But not all abdominal exercises do this.

Some abdominal *exercises* can actually build your abdominal muscles – this is why many people who start stomach-reducing programmes often DO NOT *get rid of their gut* despite doing hours of grueling exercises.

I can assure you this WILL NOT happen by doing any of the exercises in my 7 minute abdominal workout Video. With my Video *you will quickly* notice that your clothes fit better and your friends and family will likely comment on how good you look.

It's like having your own personal trainer come to your home

With my new Video, it's like having *your own personal trainer* come to your home everyday. You simply slide my Video into your VCR and I will show you exactly how to do the 7 abdominal exercises. I will personally guide you through the programme. *You can see for yourself* how to do each exercise – so you will be sure that you are doing them properly and getting the maximum stomach-slimming benefits. *These abdominal exercises* are so effective in getting rid of a pot belly and slimming your midsection that doing more than the 7 minutes of exercises would probably be a waste of *time*. The 7 simple exercises in the Video are *all you need to have the firm*, tight, sexy stomach that everyone wants but few are able to achieve. If you were to hire your own personal trainer it would cost you *hundreds if not thousands of* pounds – and the results would not equal the results you can expect to achieve with my Video. That's because not all trainers know about the incredible results that can be obtained from my simple 7 *minute abdominal workout*. And my abdominal exercise Video has many other advantages. For example, you will know for sure that you are doing each exercise properly. And you will know for sure that you are devoting the proper time to each exercise. And most important I will be right there guiding and *encouraging* you all the way. I promise I will flatten your pot *belly and slim your midsection* so quickly and easily that you won't believe your eyes. A firm, flat stomach makes you look and feel better. Your posture often *improves and nagging* back problems often disappear.

Free Bonus

My Video is only £19.95 (plus £3 postage and handling) and it's worth every penny and more. But there's more! As a FREE BONUS I will include my 7 Minute Buttock Shaping video *programme. This programme* is designed to give your buttocks *that shapely, firm-as-steel look.* Shapely buttocks can be the sexiest part of a person's body. But there's even more! I will also include my 7 Minute Leg-Shaping video programme. This programme shows you simple exercises that will trim, tone and form your legs – both your thighs *and calves. This whole package* normally sells for £39.95. But if *you order now you get all three* programmes on one convenient *video for my one low price.*

My video must work – or you pay nothing

I am so sure that you will be *pleased with my Video, I have* absolutely no reservations about offering you a no-questions-asked money-back guarantee good for a full 60 days after you receive the Video. If you are not 100 per cent happy with the Video simply *return it for a refund*. Please place your order now. To order, simply fill out the coupon below and return it to my publishers, Carnell plc – your Video will be rushed to you. Remember you get the 7 Minute Stomach-Flattening programme *plus* the Buttocks and Leg Shaping programmes as a free bonus. Order today – now, while you are thinking about it.

© 1995 Carnell plc, 28 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PU

£20 OFF

To: Jill Knipp, Carnell plc, Dept SFV8, Alresford, nr. Colchester, Essex CO7 8AP or telephone our 24 hour order line on 01206 825600 (*quoting reference no.* SFV8).

Please rush me the 7-minute stomach-flattening video – price £19.95 *plus £3 postage and handling*. Don't forget to include FREE the Buttocks-Shaping programme and Leg-Shaping programme. I understand that I must be completely satisfied or I can return the Video at any time within 60 days for a full refund.

☐ I enclose my cheque/P.O. (*made payable to Carnell plc*)
☐ Please charge my Visa/Access card no. Expiry date______
☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms ______ Date of birth / /
Address ______
Postcode ______
Signed ______ Date ______

Delivery within 7 days but please allow up to 14 days. We hope to be able to bring you a variety of further interesting offers from reputable companies – if you prefer not to receive such offers, please write to Carnell plc at the above address.

Little Known Health Tips

If you believe in the healing effects of natural substances and traditional remedies, you should know about a new book *Traditional Health Remedies*. This book is a comprehensive guide to the time tested, natural remedies that complement modern medicine, *including:*

- 7 ways to control acne
- 7 tips to cure constipation
- 8 ways to control diarrhoea
- 10 ways to relieve eczema
- 4 ways to handle diverticulosis
- 6 tips to relieve flatulence
- 7 ways to relieve prostate suffering
- 6 aids to improving memory
- 13 ways to conquer impotence
- 8 tips to relieve incontinence
- 8 tips for stomach ulcer sufferers
- 9 suggestions to relieve swollen varicose veins.

To order your copy of *Traditional Health Remedies* send your name, address and book title with payment (cheque or Visa/Access with expiry date) of £9.95 *which includes postage and handling* to **Carnell plc**, Dept THR2, Alresford, nr. Colchester, Essex CO7 8AP, **or telephone their 24 hour order line on 01206 825600** (***quoting reference*** THR2). Allow up to 14 days for delivery. You may return the book any time within three months for a full refund if not satisfied.

NOT just a choice of sleeve length.

A Seymour Shirt is

GENUINELY CUSTOM TAILORED

- EXACT SLEEVE LENGTH ✓
- CORRECT BODY SIZE ✓
- CHOICE OF COLLAR SHAPES ✓
- CHOICE OF FRONT STYLES ✓
- CHOICE OF CUFF STYLES ✓
- CHOICE OF SHOULDER FIT ✓
- CHOICE OF BODY LENGTH ✓
- CHOICE OF 400 FABRICS ✓
- TAILS OR SQUARE BOTTOMS ✓
- FULL STANDARD or SLIM FITS ✓
- AFTER SALES SERVICE ✓

And of course

IMPECCABLY HAND CUT & INDIVIDUALLY SEWN ✓

West End quality at sensible Yorkshire prices will make you feel better in a Seymours shirt.

ALSO MADE TO MEASURE CLASSICAL LADIES SHIRT BLOUSES.

WRITE OR PHONE for 400 fabric samples and our colour brochure.

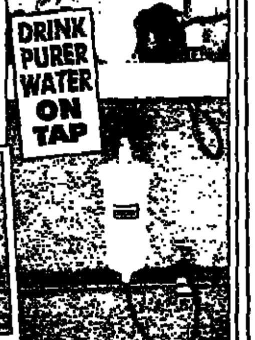
SEYMOUR SHIRTS
EST 1979
FREEPOST, Dept XX.
Bradford BD1 1BR. Tel: 01274 726520

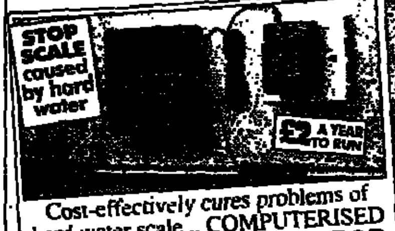
ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH YOUR WATER?

Pozzani Products for effective water treatment at direct prices.

WATER PURIFIER *(right)* **£78.95**

■ Cheaper than bottled water. ■ Tea, coffee and cordial taste better. ■ *Boil without scum.* ■ 3 Stages of filtration. ■ 2 Filter changes per year. ■ Choice of 6 tap colours. ■ Fully guaranteed for 3 years ■ Installed in minutes.





Cost-effectively cures problems of hard water scale... COMPUTERISED 'Black Box' SCALE INHIBITOR ■ Prevents & removes limescale. ■ Wipe away scale on sinks & baths. ■ Prevent blocking of shower heads. ■ Stop furring up of heating elements in washers, boilers (so they last longer & save on heating costs). ■ Simple to fit - no plumbing. ■ Alters scale forming minerals without chemicals. ■ Only £2 a year to run - no maintenance. ■ Guaranteed 5yrs, 3 month money-back guarantee. ■ Special introductory price.

Also CARTRIDGES for WATER FILTERS *SAVE £'s* ■ For filter jugs & plumbed-in units. ■ Fully guaranteed quality brands. ■ Advise make & model by phone or letter.

FOR FREE BROCHURE **PHONE 01507 608100**

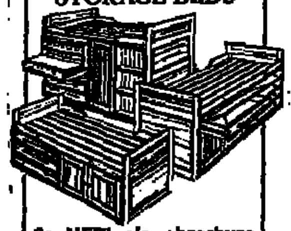
(ALSO 'AFTER HOURS' ANSWER PHONE) OR WRITE TO:-
POZZANI PURE WATER Plc., Dept T3
Phoenix House, Newmarket, Louth, Lincs LN11 9EJ.

The 'Sheila Maid'®
CAST IRON AND NATURAL PINE CLOTHES AIRER

Everything you need to install this "Energy Saving" Airer.
48 hr Despatch
Home Deliveries
Worldwide. Est. 1981
Trade Account Enquiries UK/Overseas (Dept KJ)

THE TRADITIONAL CURVED SHAPE 15 1/2" FULL WIDTH CAST IRON RACK ENDS.
A PINE, HAND FINISHED ROUNDED EDGE RAILS. NATURAL JUTE PULLEY CORD, SCREWS & PLUGS. RACK ENDS, PULLEYS, CLEAT IN 6 COLOURS.
The 'ORIGINAL' (Castings Grey Metal Clear Coated) 6ft £35 6ft £37 7ft £39 8ft £41
COLOURS (Castings Red, Blue, Green, Black, White) 5ft £33 6ft £35 7ft £37 8ft £39
P+P ADD £5. ORDER BY PHONE ACCESS/VISA OR BY CHEQUE/PO
Illustrated details from S.A. Johnson
THE DOMESTIC PARAPHERNALIA Co. Dept. T.
Unit 15, Marina Business Centre, Dock Rd.
Lytham, Lancs. FY8 5AJ. England
Tel: 01253 736334 24hrs. Fax: 01253 795191

MORIARTI'S
SOLID PINE
STORAGE BEDS



For NEW colour brochure
PHONE
(01233) 850214

WE CARE FOR 'ODD' SIZE GENTLEMEN WITH

MADE TO MEASURE TROUSERS

AT OFF THE PEG PRICES!

ANY SIZE OR STYLE

CALL NOW FOR *FREE* INFORMATION PACK & CLOTH SAMPLES

Tel: 01384 560 590
24 Hour Answer Phone
Traditional British Trouser Specialist for Over 25 Years

HIGH RISE, BUTTON FLY, TURN-UPS, PLEATS ETC ...
Standard 14 Day Delivery or Same Day Express Service Available

Your size and fit problems are permanently solved in the comfort of your own home when using our unique made to measure tailoring system

Exclusive Range of over 100 Quality British Cloths

PRICES FROM £39

Factory Shop Mon - Sat 9.00am to 5.00pm

BROOK MARTINE
CO.LTD (Dept TT02 .),
FREEPOST (No stamp required) 94 Fox Oak Street, Cradley Heath, Warley, West Midlands B64 5BR
Fax: 01384 569 069

However Faded or Torn, Your old Eiderdown can be re-made as new

EIDERDOWNS RE-COVERED Also DUVETS RECOVERED.
and NEW FEATHER EIDERDOWNS
Please send stamp for patterns.
Keys of Clacton Ltd. Dept RC246
132 Old Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex
CO15 3AJ TEL: 01255 432518

Finest quality shirts from Jermyn Street at affordable prices

HILDITCH & KEY
Jermyn Street, London — Shirtmakers since 1899 — Rue de Rivoli, Paris

Our Sale by mail has proved so successful with our customers that we are now extending it to the general public.

For your free brochure telephone (01592) 775175 or complete the form below and fax us your details on (01592) 630750 or post to Hilditch & Key Ltd, FREEPOST, Glenrothes KY7 4BR.

NAME (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) ……………………………………
ADDRESS ……………………………………
……………………………………
……………………………………
…………………… POSTCODE ……………… TM13/1

Hilditch & Key do not divulge personal details to other companies.

SALE NOW ON AT OUR TWO JERMYN STREET SHOPS

INDIVIDUALLY MADE-TO-MEASURE SKIRTS & TROUSERS

Mail order service for ladies and gentlemen

BROCHURE AND 100 CLOTH SAMPLES

Call 0113 248 8131

WINEBERGS
Established 1900

Dept TT,
Shannon St,
Leeds LS9 8SS

FACTORY SHOP SOFAS & SOFA BEDS

From Factory to you! NO MIDDLEMAN!

Styled & made to your own requirements. Deeper seats-Higher or lower backs-Soft or firm cushions. A choice of hundreds of fabrics from Sandersons Liberty Monkwell and others. All work carried out by crafts men and women. Not mass produced. We also undertake re-upholstering to the public and interior designer.

Victoria Sofa (Sofa-bed)

INTEREST FREE CREDIT, SUBJECT TO STATUS

POETSTYLE LTD
Unit 1, Bayford Street Industrial Centre
Mare Street (Nr Well St.)
Hackney, London, E8 3SE.
Tel: 0181 533 0915

BEST EVER JANUARY

SALE

UP TO 30% OFF

INTEREST FREE CREDIT
APR 0% Details Available on Request
FREE DELIVERY TO ANY UK ADDRESS

THE BEST 18th CENTURY REPLICA SOLID MAHOGANY DINING TABLE IN THE WORLD

One of over 50 dining tables on display in our showrooms made by master craftsmen to a standard unsurpassed this century together with 100 styles of Chairs, also Sideboards, Desks, Filing Cabinets, Cocktail Cabinets, TV & Video Cabinets, Leather Chairs, Chesterfields & Looking Glasses. All available in four separate ranges to suit all life styles & income groups.

BRITISH ANTIQUE REPLICA Cabinet Furniture is Guaranteed for 50 YEARS.

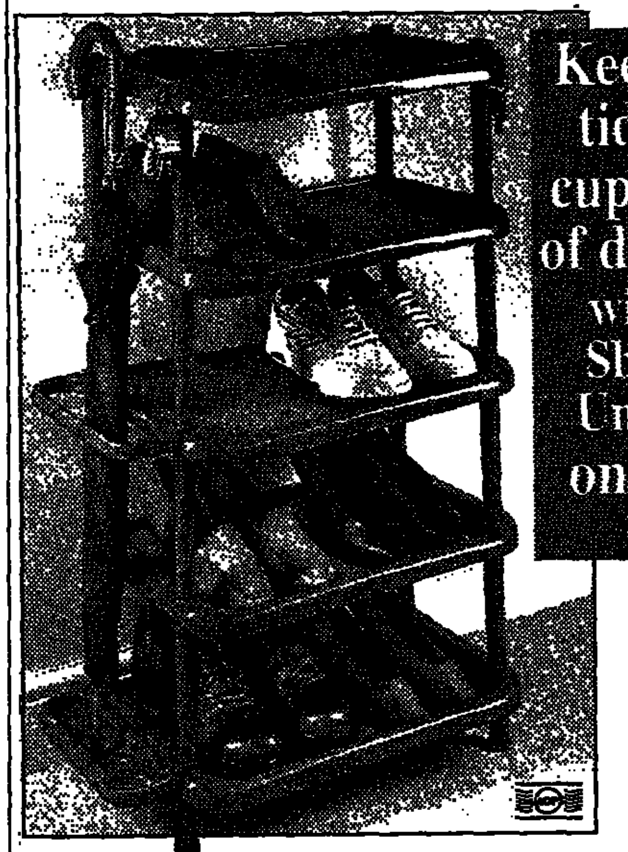
PRICE PROMISE

If you can buy similar style furniture for less money in any High Street shop within a 100 mile radius of London (Sales and special offers included) we will supply you with similar furniture for 10% less than that shop's price.

Visit our factory & showrooms to see the world's largest display of English Antique Replica Furniture or phone for brochure.

Mon-Sat 9am-5.30pm

BRITISH ANTIQUE REPLICAS
SCHOOL CLOSE, QUEEN ELIZABETH AVE., BURGESS HILL
(BETWEEN GATWICK & BRIGHTON) WEST SUSSEX RH15 9RX
Tel: 01444 245577



Keep wet Shoes tidy and your cupboards clear of damp and dirt with this 5 tier Shoe Rack and Umbrella Stand only £14.95 +P&P

- **Ideal for hall, porch or under the stairs**
- **Save the carpets getting muddy**
- **Holds up to 10 pairs of shoes**
- **Handy umbrella stand with drip tray**

Yes, No more hunting for odd shoes, keep them together and out the way!

Our Shoe Rack is ideal for any household where shoes seem to clutter up the porch, kitchen, hallway and it avoids muddy footprints on the carpet. You can never find a matching pair when you're in a hurry.

Our Shoe Rack is specially designed with five tilted shelves with guards to hold shoes in place. Room for up to 10 pairs plus a handy stand with drip tray, on the side for your umbrellas.

Made from toughened plastic the Shoe Rack will withstand the rigours of teenager's trainers, high heel shoes or heavy work boots. It will stand by the door, in the hall, under the stairs or even in a wardrobe.

Comes ready for easy home assembly. Colour : Grey.

Order your Shoe Rack now at just £14.95 + £2.45 p&p and insurance.

Size 12 x 18½ x 35 ins high approx.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

12 MONTH "no quibble" money back-guarantee of satisfaction. Your *statutory rights remain unaffected.*

*PERSONAL VISITORS MAY ORDER DIRECT FROM THE ADDRESS BELOW (10am-4pm Monday-Friday only). GOODS WILL THEN BE DESPATCHED POST FREE.

● Goods are normally despatched within 10 days, but please allow up to 28 days for delivery. ● Orders from Ireland are welcome.

PHONE YOUR ORDER NOW with Access, Visa, Delta or Switch
☎ 0161-238 1697
Please quote Dept. LAN 1697 with your order.
Order lines are open 8am-9pm, 7 days a week.

Langley House Ltd,
P.O. Box 239,
36 Hilton Street,
Manchester
M99 1LH.

LANGLEY HOUSE To: Langley House Ltd,
P.O. Box 239,
36 Hilton Street,
Manchester M99 1LH.
Dept. LAN 1697

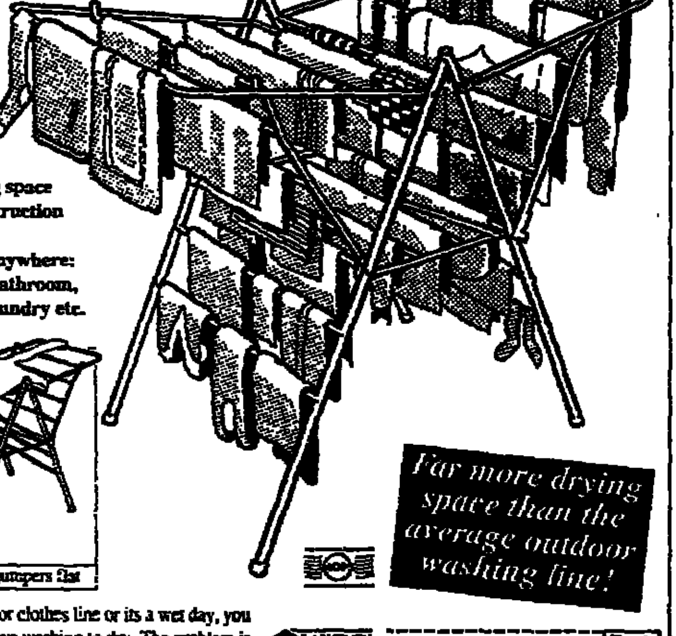
Please send me the Shoe Rack(s) at only £17.40 (inc. p&p and ins)

Qty	Order No.	Price inc p&p & ins.	Total
	PJ 778 90	£17.40	£

I enclose a cheque/P.O. for £______, made payable to Langley House Ltd.
Or debit my Access, Visa, Delta or Switch Card
No.______
Expiry Date ______ Switch Issue No.______
Signature ______
Mr/Mrs/Miss ______
Address______
______
______ Postcode ______
Daytime Tel No for Customers Services______
☐ If you do not wish to receive further special offers from us, or from companies we recommend, please tick this box. Langley House Ltd. Reg in England No. 373893

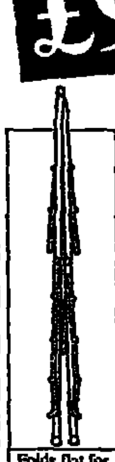
New 'Super Dryer' gives you 51 feet of drying space - *INDOORS!*

ONLY £9.95 +p&p*



Far more drying space than the average outdoor washing line!

- 51' of drying space
- Sturdy construction
- Lightweight
- Can stand anywhere: Bedroom, Bathroom, Kitchen, Laundry etc.



Folds flat for easy storage when not in use

Ideal for drying jumpers flat

If you don't have access to an outdoor clothes line or its a wet day, you need somewhere indoors to hang your washing to dry. The problem is there's never enough space inside resulting in every spare inch of radiator, every door knob, rail and hook being draped in washing. And then the long clothes like trousers and dresses and things like sheets and towels trail on the floor quite often having to be washed again.

'Super Dryer' is the answer to your problems, giving you effectively 51 feet of drying space - indoors! And because of the clever design you can change the arrangement of super dryer to accommodate your different types of washing so long clothes won't drag on the floor. Stand 'Super Dryer' in any convenient place in your home: Bedroom, Bathroom, Hall, Landing, Conservatory.

Max. Size: 35ins x 22½ ins x 31 ins high.
Folded: 22½ ins x 34 ins high.

Introductory Price of just £9.95 plus £1.95 p&p and insurance.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

12 MONTH "no quibble" money-back guarantee of satisfaction. Your statutory rights remain unaffected.

- Goods are normally despatched within 10 days from receipt of order.
- Orders from Ireland are welcome.

* PERSONAL VISITORS MAY ORDER DIRECT FROM THE ADDRESS BELOW (10am-4pm Monday-Friday only) GOODS WILL THEN BE DESPATCHED POST FREE.

ORDER BY PHONE
ACCESS, VISA, DELTA or SWITCH
☎ 0161-238 1698
Please quote Dept. LAN 1698 with your order.
Order lines are open 8am-9pm, 7days a week.

Langley House Ltd,
P.O. Box 239,
36 Hilton Street,
Manchester
M99 1LH.

LANGLEY HOUSE To: Langley House Ltd,
P.O. Box 239,
36 Hilton Street,
Manchester M99 1LH.
Dept. LAN 1698

Please send me the Clothes Dryer(s), as indicated below.

Qty	Order No.	Price inc. carr. & ins.	Total
	PJ 732 60	£11.90	£

I enclose a cheque/P.O. for £______, made payable to Langley House Ltd. Or debit my Access, Visa, Delta or Switch Card
No.______
Expiry Date ______ Switch Issue No.______
Signature______
Mr/Mrs/Miss______
Address______
______
______ Postcode______
Daytime Tel No. for Customer Services______
☐ If you do not wish to receive further Special Offers from us, or from companies we recommend, please tick this box.
Langley House Ltd. Reg in England No. 373893.

'Very many thanks - the stick is excellent'

Mrs M. - Leicester

Many more tributes to this ever popular stick are available

£19.95 +p&p £1.95

The Original Shooting Stick

Comprises a two piece chromium plated steel stem, easily adjusted to suit anybody whatever their size. The strong seat is hard wearing yet comfortable. It features a removable ferrule for use on hard surfaces. With the seat folded the sturdy construction makes it into an ideal walking stick.

Ideal for all outdoor sports spectators and anybody anywhere in need of a rest.

'I recently purchased one of your shooting sticks and am very pleased with the article and your service'
Mr. V. - Isle of Wight.

'I am very happy with the shooting stick'
Mr. R. - Cwmbran.

'We wanted to say how pleased we are with the shooting stick - lovely quality'.
Mr. N. - Norfolk.

'Thank you for your prompt attention to my order which I am very pleased with'
Mr. F. - Stamford.

'My wife is very pleased with the shooting stick'
Mr. S. - Kent.

'I am very pleased with the shooting stick and it is a great help to me'
Mr. D. - Middlesex.

SEND NO MONEY NOW - PAY ONLY AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER
Stay Safe (Dept. T3). 81 The Maltings, Stanstead Abbotts, Ware, Herts. SG12 8HG
Tel:- 01920 871453 or 877270

End cold feet and hands forever — Yes these NASA developed ALASKAN Thermal Socks & Glove liners guarantee winter warmth

TWO PAIRS OF SOCKS ONLY £7.95 +P&P
TWO PAIRS OF GLOVES ONLY £9.95 +P&P
NEW KNEE LENGTH SOCKS TWO PAIRS ONLY £9.95 +P&P
Carol Wright
UNCONDITIONAL GUARANTEE

CAROL WRIGHT Takes The Bite Out Of Winter. If you've ever suffered from the cold, you'll wonder how you did without this special aluminised, stretch fabric developed for NASA to protect astronauts from the incredible cold of deep space. The fabric reflects body heat and thousands of tiny pockets trap it. The results are lightweight, easy-to-move-in socks and glove liners that keep your hands and feet protected and warm in sub-zero weather. *SAVE!* Buy two pairs of gloves or socks–at Our SUPERSAVERS PRICE. One pair for you and one as a gift. When ordering the Socks and Gloves, one size fits all. Please state whether for Men (M) or Woman (W).

Fabric Content:
20% Aluminium, 60% Polyester, 20% Nylon.

For enquiries relating to this offer please phone 01227 773111.

They fit like a second skin to slide inside your gloves – or wear them on their own indoors.

CAROL WRIGHT GIFTS, Dept. A13TIC,
118 West Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 7JB.
(PERSONAL SHOPPERS WELCOME)

☎ 24hr CREDIT CARD HOTLINE
01227 771555

POST NO RISK COUPON TODAY
To: CAROL WRIGHT GIFTS, Dept. A13TIC,
118 West Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 7JB.
Please send me the following:

Item	Qty	M or W	Price inc £2.05 p&p	Total
2 pairs of Thermal Socks			£10	
2 pairs of Thermal Gloves			£12	
2 pairs of Knee Length Thermal Socks			£12	
			Grand Total	£

Please tick preferred method of payment
☐ Access ☐ Visa ☐ Cheque
Card No: (Payable to Carol Wright Gifts)
☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
Expiry Date______ Signature______
Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms ______
Address ______
______
______ Postcode______
Please allow 7 to 14 days for delivery.
☐ If you do not wish to receive further Special Offers from us, or from companies we recommend please tick this box.
Trust Mail Order Co Plc T/A Carol Wright. Reg. No. [illegible]

هكذا من الأصل

Well-cut suits are back in vogue. But a dressing down at a Jermyn Street tailor leaves **Joseph Connolly** with a rather frayed ego

Made to measure: John Lester says if the cutting is right, a suit should need only one fitting. Right: Andrew Yianni pieces it all together

DENZIL McNEELANCE

My clothes encounter of the bespoke kind

Fitting end: John Lester checks Joseph Connolly's suit for size. It is then dismantled and adjusted to produce the end result (above)

Imagine you are standing in the darkish, wood-panelled and multi-mirrored interior of one of London's finest tailors — in my case, John Lester of Jermyn Street — and that said tailor is whipping around you with a measuring tape faster than the speed of light. He's calling out numbers to his note-taking assistant that presumably have some connection with parts of you that you never knew existed, and muttering a few abbreviations as well.

These are used not only for the sake of brevity but — more to the point — diplomacy. "DS," grunts the tailor — and he is reluctant to let you in on the meaning, but eventually confides that it is nothing more sinister than "dropped shoulder". Others are rather more telling. "HS" stands for "high shoulders", but actually means "no neck"; "VFT" stands for "very forward tummy", ie, pot belly; and "VRB", is a "very round back" — for which read Quasimodo. Then there's "HW" and "VPB". "The first means 'hollow waist'," says John Lester, "and the latter 'very pronounced bottom', but they both come down to a huge backside that somehow has to be concealed."

And here we have one of the keys to the bespoke suit — that which does not need to be concealed must be accentuated: waistlines raised and trimmed, shoulders evened up and strengthened, legs slimmed and elongated — it's PR for the body. It is also a pampering and addictive experience. Some men go to bespoke tailors because they are fed up traipsing around shops trying on standard clothes that never fit, others because they see it as a rite of passage or a reward. But I suspect that most go because, despite the various visits for fittings (though these days many tailors will come to you) and the cost (from £900 to about £2,000), it is the least troublesome way of acquiring comfortable clothes that last for decades. Few ever again return to off-the-peg.

At the top end of the market is, of course, Savile Row, and John Lester is a true Savile Row man of the old school. Now 60, he is a fourth-generation tailor (his great-grandfather had three shops in the East End in the mid-19th century), who spent six years in his father's workshop making cuffs, flaps and pockets before he was deemed ready to cut and tailor a "coat" (jacket, in our language). He then rose through Simpson's and Moss Bros before landing his first Savile Row job as a senior cutter with Lew Rose, and finally Henry Poole. He set up business in Cork Street and came to Jermyn Street in 1983.

"A good tailor will try to size up the customer while he is chatting: noting the way he stands, how much he crams into his pockets, physical irregularities. It helps to know his job, his lifestyle — then, when we choose cloth, we have a better idea about weight, texture, colour, feel. The measuring is important, but the cutting is the key. If the cutting is right, then even by the first fitting the suit fits," says Mr Lester.

Every tailor needs a first class coat-maker, and in Mr Lester's case it is 59-year-old Andrew Yianni: he moulds, teases and immaculately sews (builds isn't too strong a word) around a stiff hessian cushion: everything happens in a three-dimensional form so that it is only when the body is inside a suit that the architecture of the whole becomes evident.

For the first fitting — maybe three or four weeks after choosing one's cloth — the coat looks like nothing on earth, but as soon as it hits the shoulders there is no doubt about the fit. Wool and hair canvas has been sewn into the lapels so they keep their shape even when wet, and laptair — a horsehair and fibre interlining — is stitched across the chest area and gives the drop of the coat a springiness that will not crease; cotton pockets are strengthened with heavy Irish linen: shoulderpads are made from felt, and the whole is held together by a bewildering network of basting cotton.

Preparatory stages: Andrew Yianni

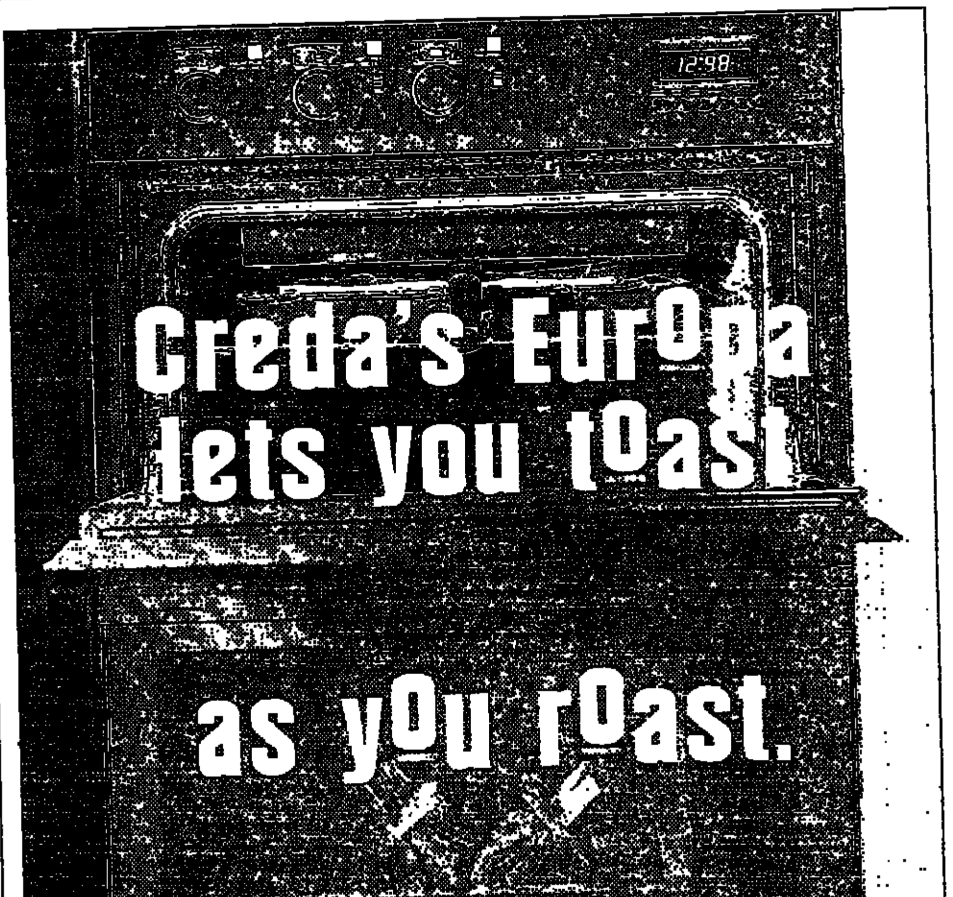
After the fitting, the entire garment is taken to pieces, recut and adjusted, resewn, finished and lined. Similar attention is paid to trousers and waistcoat, and then all buttonholes (including four on either sleeve) are hand-sewn in silk — as is the loop behind one lapel, to hold a flower.

The result is as perfect as an imperfect body should expect. "Savile Row *is* the best," agrees Peter Hutchinson — another fourth-generation tailor from Yorkshire — "and that is the quality we aspire to." Mr Hutchinson, who employs eight tailors, is happy to call on people, and, although his prices are lower than those in London (around £450 to £500 plus VAT), his tailoring techniques are traditional. Both Mr Lester and Mr Hutchinson have grown-up sons, but neither has taken on the mantle of fifth generation. Ten years ago, the future of fine tailoring looked grim but, with the rediscovery of the well-cut suit that actually fits and the rise of a younger breed of tailors (Richard James, Mark Powell, Timothy Everest and Ozwald Boateng), the future of one of Britain's proudest traditions looks set to do that most 1990s thing and re-invent itself.

Where to buy fine tailored suits

- **John Lester at Harvie & Hudson, 96-97 Jermyn Street, St James's, London SW1 (0171-930 2841).**
- **Peter Hutchinson, The Tailor's Shop, Westow, York, YO6 NE (01653 618227).**
- **Henry Poole, 15 Savile Row, London W1X 1AE (0171-734 5985). The oldest tailor in Savile Row.**
- **Kilgour, French & Stanbury, 8 Savile Row, London W1X 1AF (0171-734 6905).**
- **Anderson & Sheppard, 30 Savile Row, London W1X 1AG (0171-734 1420). Their most illustrious client is the Prince of Wales.**
- **Huntsman, 11 Savile Row, London W1X 2PS (0171-734 7441).**
- **Prices for a two-piece suit: £1,300 upwards for Poole and Sheppard; £1,500 upwards for Kilgour, French & Stanbury; £1,700 plus for Huntsman.**

NEW YEAR'S
LAST WEEK
Sale
Ends 20th of January
30% off new orders
40% reductions on most George Smith Fabrics
50% reductions on most showroom stock
Huge range of fabric remnants
SALE HOURS MONDAY TO SATURDAY: 9.00 - 6.00
GEORGE SMITH
HANDMADE FURNITURE, FABRICS AND KILIMS
587-589 KINGS ROAD LONDON SW6 2EH
Tel: 0171-384 1004 Fax: 0171-731 4451



If you're getting a built-in kitchen, make sure it has built-in versatility. The Creda Europa has a double oven, including a Solarplus grill that heats up in seconds. So you can keep the starving hordes at bay with toast while the roast's on. And it's only around £650. To find out how to upgrade your kitchen with Britain's best-selling electric cookers, ask for the Creda Answercentre on 0541 546474.
Something's always cooking at Creda

NORTH OF THE THAMES

BAKER ST NW1 Charming 1 bed conv. must view! @ £91,000 Sandfords 0171 723 9988

BARGAINS. Repossession's and Reduced for quick sale props. Capital Property Lists. 7 days 10am-10pm 0171 833 1104.

TOTTERIDGE VILLAGE
London N20. Magnificent Georgian style house on 2 floors, edge of London. Beautiful home has 2 master bedrms (1 dressing rm & bathrm) & 1 e/s bathrm. Total 7 bedrms, 4 bathrms. Lge entrance hall, dble stcase, gallery landing, lge Lge, Din rm, Study, Playrm, B/fast rm & kitchen on 2 floors. Carriage drive, 4 garages, 40ft S/pool, waterfall & jacuzzi/changing room complex.
F/H £695,000 for quick sale
0181 446 1234

CHILTERN CT, Baker St Spac 2 bed 2 bath flat 4th fl prestige blk, gd cond Lift CH & CHW 24 hour porter 117 yrs £165,000 J S & Co 0171 258 0800

HOMESEARCH LONDON LTD Let us search for you. We find homes/flats to buy & rent. For individuals & companies. Professional team. 7 days a week 0171 460 6444 Fax 460 6445

NOTTING HILL
Exceptional penthouse maisonette, 3 bedrooms, 2 marble bathrooms (1 ensuite). Oak floors, roof terrace, Shaker kitchen. Access to communal gardens, share of freehold. £395,000. No agents please.
Tel: 0171 385 4542

FULHAM SW6 - Spacious 2 dble bed 2nd floor flat GCH. lge reception, good dec order. Roof terrace. Close tube/BR realistically priced £93,000 Tel 0171 384 2116 (eves/w/end)

HYDE PARK W2, a 2 bed duplex, for terr overlkng wooded gdns. u/grnd gge. 160 yrs. £175,000 J S & Co 0171 258 0800

CLARENCE GATE GDNS NW1 Beautiful 3 bed, 2 lge rec, 2 bth. 4th flr flat in fine Mansion Blk 116 yrs s/c £2,250. £275,000 JS & Co 0171 258 0800

ISLINGTON 1 bed luxury flat, Highbury Hill N5. Large garden £89,950 0171 7040002

PALMERS GREEN N13 delightful 4 bed Edwardian terraced house 20 mins city (BR). £103,000 Tel: 0181 3413383

LITTLE VENICE/Maida Vale. The specialist local agents Vickers & Co 0171 289 1692

TARDIS–SW6
Outside-Victorian terrace
Inside- Space!
stunning 600 sq ft galleried 1st floor drawing room. 2 further reception rooms. 3 bedrooms. 2 bathrooms. kitchen. cellar. garden.
£325,000 f/h
Tel: 0171-731 3605.

CHESTERTONS
CAMBRIDGE ST, SW1
Substantial corner house requiring considerable refurbishment.
£475,000 F/H
Pimlico:
0171 834 9998

LITTLE VENICE Studio flat. Mod required to gdn floor flat with private ent & comm gdns set in premier Crescent £115,000 Vickers & Co 0171 289 1692

SLOANE GARDENS Tastefully appointed 1 bed grnd flr flat. En suite bath. lge bright Kit. living rm views to Sloane Sq. Concierge. Direct from owners £176,000 0181 948 4997

ST JOHNS WOOD NW8 3/4 bedroom house in premier location. pris garden off street pkng. Freehold £575,000 The Estate Office 0171 328 7474

ST JOHNS WOOD Queensmead Refurb flat, recep, 2 beds, 9th flr good views, parking. Long lse £298,000 0171 586 0255 T

ST JOHNS WOOD 1st flr 1 bed flat, high ceilings, conv Quiet St £79,950 0171 724 9919

STUNNING 1 bed balcony flat, heart of Notting Hill. Must be seen. £160,000 01483 566991

SW1 Ebury St. H/leasehold approx 6 yrs unexpired vacant possession of 1st/2nd/3rd flr. 3/4 bed maisonette. G/fg firs on sub lease until expiry. OIRO £80,000 s/c 0171 405 4545 T.

VICTORIA spacious 1 bed flat + low outgoings £160,000 f/h Tuckerman 0171 222 5611

W1 3 bed 2 recep 3 bath. Mews House with garage. Good cond & location. 926 yrs. £357,500 J S & CO 0171 258 0800

W14 Capacious Garden Flat. Nr Brook Green Private Sale £79,950 or nearest offer for quick sale ideal for prof couple Ishmael tel/fax 0181 450 6620.

LONDON PROPERY

HAMILTON BROOKS
TUDOR STREET LONDON EC4
Grade II listed period building converted into four one & two bed apartments
* Well proportioned living rooms * Fireplaces * Sash windows * Comprehensive fitted kitchen * Luxury bathrooms * Original features retained * Fully carpeted * Video entry system * Low service charge * Long lease * All apartments approximately 700 sq. ft (65 m²)
Unique location minutes walk to Temple Chambers and Blackfriars Tube.
Prices from £140,000
Call Glen A. Cook 0171 638 2153

ARTESIAN ESTATES

RESIDENTIAL
FOR SALE
Former Ambassadorial Residence
AVENUE ROAD LONDON NW8
- Seperate mews accommodation
- Requires total refurbishment
- Freehold

All Enquiries SW / SEJW
0171 911 2167
Grimley

SOUTH OF THE THAMES

CLAPHAM OLD TOWN, SW4. Well presented family house. 3 Reception rooms. 5 bedrooms with 3 bathrooms. Garden to front and rear £295,000 Private sale 0171-622 3893.

CLAPHAM STH. lovely 1 bed vic terr. kit/brfst, patio, 5 mins tube. £67,000 0181 6753715

SW2 STREATHAM HILL 5 miles *London Bridge. 1 bed luxury* flat in purpose built block. Long lease. £69,950. 0171 737 6078

LONDON PROPERTY

HARLEY HOUSE
REGENTS PARK
NW1
A Selection of newly refurbished lower ground floor apartments of approximately 1,500 *square feet for sale.*
New 150 year leases.
Very prestigious mansion block.
1/2 reception rooms
2/3 bedrooms
2 bathrooms
Poggenpohl kitchen.
Excellent security.
24 hour porterage.
Prices from £295,000:
0171 486 4563 (T)

NEW HOMES

Select your new home from quality house builders nationwide, it's your move!

AVON
☐ *BRADLEY STOKE (nr Bristol)* - from £50,500•* - full range of 2,3 & 4 bedroom homes by Taywood.
☐ YATE (Brimsham Park) - from £60,950•* - 3 & 4 bedroom homes by Taywood.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE
☐ BRAMPTON (nr Huntingdon) - £57,950 - £96,950 - 2 bedroom terraced and semi-detached houses, 3 and 4 bedroom detached houses by Taywood Homes.
☐ *WISBECH ST MARY (nr Wisbech)* - from £43,995* - 2 and 3 bedroom bungalows and 4 bedroom houses by Heathstead Homes.

DEVON
☐ TOTNES - from £45,000 - £125,000 - 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments, bungalows and houses by Westward Developments.

DORSET
☐ WESTBOURNE (Bournemouth) - from £115,000 - 2 and 3 bedroom town houses, small secure mews style development convenient to shops and beaches - Final Phase.

ESSEX
☐ ST. LAWRENCE BAY (nr Maldon) - from £69,950 - 2 bedroom bungalows by Hunting Gate Homes (Video available).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
☐ CHELTENHAM (The Reddings) - Due to open February 1996, 3 and 4 bedroom detached homes by Taywood.
☐ GLOUCESTER (Abbeymead) - from £49,950•* - full range of 2,3 and 4 bedroom homes by Taywood.

HERTFORDSHIRE
☐ BISHOPS STORTFORD - £99,950 - £157,950 - 3 and 4 bedroom detached houses by Taywood Homes.
☐ WATFORD - £54,950 - £68,500 - 1 and 2 bedroom apartments by Taywood Homes.
☐ WATFORD - £64,950 - £82,950 - 1 and 2 bedroom refurbished apartments by Taywood Homes.

LINCOLNSHIRE
☐ BASTON (nr Peterborough) - £42,200 - £135,000 - 2 and 3 bedroom cottage style homes - 3,4 and 5 bedroom houses by Allison Homes.
☐ QUARRINGTON (nr Sleaford) - £63,950 - £129,950 - 3 and 4 bedroom detached bungalows and houses, 5 bedroom detached houses by Chandale Homes.

NORTH YORKSHIRE
☐ PATELEY BRIDGE (nr Harrogate) - £55,000 - £137,500 - 2,3 and 4 bedroom natural stone built houses.

NORFOLK
☐ DRAYTON (nr Norwich) - from £47,950 - 2,3 and 4 bedroom houses and bungalows by Taywood Homes.

OXFORDSHIRE
☐ CHIPPING NORTON - from £48,500 and £65,950 - 1 and 2 bedroom houses by Prowting Homes.

POWYS
☐ LLANDRINDOD WELLS (mid Wales) - from £63,950 - 3 and 4 bedroom houses by Heathstead Homes

SOUTH GLAMORGAN
☐ CARDIFF (Pontprennau) - from £50,500•* - full range of 2,3 and 4 bedroom homes by Taywood

SURREY
☐ FARNHAM - from £137,500 - 3 bedroom houses by Prowting Homes.

SUSSEX
☐ BEXHILL-ON-SEA - from £94,950 - 3 and 4 bedroom detached houses by Prowting Homes.
☐ CHICHESTER - from £92,500 - 3 bedroom houses, (4/5 bedroom town houses, 1 & 2 bedroom apartments to be released). Gleeson Homes.

WILTSHIRE
☐ CALNE - from £57,950*• - last remaining 3 and 4 bedroom homes by Taywood.

WORCESTERSHIRE
☐ WORCESTER (Warndon Villages) - from £49,950*• - full range of 2,3 and 4 bedroom homes by Taywood.

KEY * Part exchange • Financial incentives

Select PROPERTIES
FREEPHONE OUR 24HR BROCHURE HOTLINE:
0500 403721
or write: FREEPOST BH1185 Burley Hants BH24 4BR (No stamp required)
01/96 TIMES

Martin Grant Homes

Photograph of The Grayswood (5 bedroom home)

BERKSHIRE
- KENT FOLLY WARFIELD NR BRACKNELL
  5 bed homes from £205,000
  4 bed homes from £144,950
  TEL (01344) 867878
- HIGHGROVE NR BRACKNELL
  4 bed homes from £118,950 - £169,950
  TEL (01344) 867878

HAMPSHIRE
- THE GABLES ZEBON COPSE, FLEET
  2, 3 & 4 bed homes from £69,950 - £139,950
  TEL (01252) 812620

SURREY
- WILLOW RIDGE BAGSHOT
  3 & 4 bed homes from £99,950 - £135,500
  TEL (01276) 452298
- NURSERY GARDENS WOKING
  2, 3 & 4 bed homes from £76,950 - £167,500
  TEL (01483) 799995
- ROSEMEAD CHERTSEY
  Ex 3 bed showhome ONLY £129,950
  TEL (01784) 255633

KENT
- SERPENTINE PLACE SEVENOAKS
  2 & 3 bed homes from £114,950 - £184,950
  TEL (01732) 741212

DORSET
- OASIS BOURNEMOUTH
  2 bed apts from £72,950
  TEL (01202) 757633

WEST SUSSEX
- BIRCHWOOD CRAWLEY
  4 bed det. homes from £124,950
  TEL (01293) 515444
- WILD ACRE IFOLD NR CRANLEIGH
  5 bed det. homes from £232,000
  TEL (01483) 268822
- CUCKFIELD
  4 bed det. homes from £149,950
  TEL (01444) 416657
- PRIORY FIELDS BOXGROVE CHICHESTER
  3, 4 & 5 bed homes 1st release of 4 & 5 bed homes from £157,500
  TEL (01243) 787071

HERTFORDSHIRE
- HOLLYBUSH CRESCENT, HARPENDEN
  2 & 3 bed homes FROM £86,950
  TEL (01582)712219

CAMBRIDGESHIRE
- MILL CLOSE HISTON
  Just one 3 bed bungalow £97,950
  TEL (01223) 66377

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
- PARKLANDS MILTON KEYNES
  4 bed det. homes, 3 bed bungalows from £111,950 - £141,950
  TEL (01908) 679168

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
- CAVENDISH PARK NORTHAMPTON
  2, 3 & 4 bed homes from £47,950 - £114,950
  TEL (01604) 259410
- MASTERS COURT NORTHAMPTON
  4 & 5 bed homes from £195,000
  TEL (01604) 675773

ESSEX
- CHURCH GATE GARDENS OLD HARLOW
  Just one 3 bed det. home Price £59,950
  TEL (01279) 436590

OXFORDSHIRE
- TEMPLE HEIGHTS OXFORD
  1 & 2 bed apts 2, 3 & 4 bed homes from £55,995 - £125,950
  TEL (01865) 395473

BEDFORDSHIRE
- THE SYCAMORES BARTON LE CLAY
  4 bed homes FROM £136,000
  TEL (01582) 883217

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS
- London, Tulse Hill, SE24
  3 bed terrace homes TEL (01306) 730822
- Herts, Giebelands, Redbourn
  3 & 4 bed homes TEL (01727) 844044
- Berkshire, Bradfield Park, Bradfield
  4 bed homes TEL (01306) 730822

Martin Grant Homes Ltd. Grant House Abinger Hammer Dorking, Surrey RH5 6QR. Tel (01306) 730822
FREEPHONE SALES 0500 730 722
☐ SHOWHOME OPEN 10AM - 5PM DAILY
☐ SHOWHOME OPEN 10AM - 4PM SAT & SUN
Martin Grant Homes (UK) Catherine House St Albans, Hertfordshire AL3 5BA. Tel (01727) 844044
FREEPHONE SALES 0500 730 733

DOCKLANDS

WAPPING 3 bed 2 bath kit/diner townhouse. canal views, garage £148K 0171-480 6816 T

CITY & WEST END

SPITALFIELD
E1
A unique warehouse conversion to provide 8 fully fitted high specification apartments approx ½ mile from City of London. Exposed timber beams, glass brick walls, hardwood flooring etc.. One & two bedrm units (approx 800 - 1,300 sq ft) 4 Units remaining. Prices start at £139,000
For a brochure please contact
Sheridan Property Consultants
0181 501 2020
0860 275 260

BARBICAN January list of flats available for sale call Frank Harris & Co 0171 600 7000

CITY Borders/Tower Hill 2 bed. 2 bath appt, 2 garages, comm gdns £149K. 0171-480 6816 T

CLERKENWELL 1 bed double height flat in PB block, day porter £86,000 2 bed with wood strip floor £125,000. Frank Harris & Co 0171 600 7000

BELGRAVIA & KNIGHTSBRIDGE

REPOSSESSIONS
The 65 page London Repossession List has 2000 flats/houses for sale by mortgagees in London/Home counties each month. Find the ones in your area fast! 3 mths subscription, £65. The London Repossession List
Lower Ground 27, Kensington High Street, London W8 5NP
0171-376 1100
REPOSSESSIONS

CHELSEA & KENSINGTON

HOLLAND PARK
ABBOTSBURY ROAD
4 bedroom house, 2 bathrooms, 1 cloakroom, drawing room, dining room, garden, garage & off-street parking. 3 mins tube, directly opposite park, ideal for schools, shops & restaurants. No agents. Immediate Occupancy.
£550,000 FREEHOLD.
0171 610 4185

HAMPTONS
DRAYTON GARDENS - SW10
A family house comprising 2,645 sq ft with a 55' garden. 2 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, study/bedroom 6. £735,000
Chelsea Office
Tel 0171-835 1444

MALVERNS
CORNWALL GARDENS, SW7
Spacious three Bed top floor flat in need of modernisation. (No lift) Dual aspect Recep. *Large Kit/Bfast Room.* 84 year lease. £195,000
0171 589 8122

CRANLEY GARDENS SW7. 2 double bedroom flat with terrace. 82 year lease. Owner abroad, must sell. £269,950. Tel 0171 289 6699 Ref AS.

WESTMINSTER

COUNTY HALL
Ideal central London pied a terre. New fully equipped 1 bedroom apartment completing March 96. 24 hour security. Pool, sauna, gym. 2 mins walk Commons, South Bank Complex, Waterloo. 999 year lease. £135,000
Tel: 01923 896163
or 0171 7235770.

NEW HOMES

HAMPSTEAD & HIGHGATE

BELSIZE PARK
Corner of best 2 streets in Belsize Park. Stunning, spacious, south & west facing interior designed flat. 2 recep, 3 bed. High ceilings, original features, stripped floors. Long lease.
£280,000
0171 586 0736

WEST HAMPSTEAD **NW6.** Last new 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom mews house in exclusive development. Intergral garage. Patio garden. Freehold. £264,000. Heatherfields 01932 868 888

RICHMOND & KINGSTON

CENTRAL Richmond. 2 bed flat in PB block. Vac poss. No chain. GCH. Res parking. 103 yr lease. £87,500. Call 0181 891 3029

WIMBLEDON

HAMPTONS
WEST WIMBLEDON - SW20
A well presented detached family home with delightful gardens set in a cul-de-sac location within ¼ of a mile of Wimbledon Common. 3 reception rooms, hall, kitchen/breakfast room, loft room, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Garage. Parking. £385,000 Freehold
Wimbledon Office
Tel: 0181-946 0081

BERKSHIRE

HUNGERFORD. Restored 16th Century grade II listed thatched cottage, 2 bedrooms, 2 large receptions, study, hand made kitchen with Rayburn, bathroom, central heating, south facing gardens parking. 1 mile junction 14 M4, 2 miles Hungerford. Guide price £106,000 Burrough & Co 01488 682349 ref APB1

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

JORDANS
Important 1920 house in peaceful 'cricket green' village. 4 beds, 2 acres, 8 outhouses. Large living room, inglenook fireplace, Aga, gas CH, rewired, mature trees, hedges, pergola. £380,000 Private sale.
Tel: 01494 87 4939

DEVON & CORNWALL

TORQUAY
SOUTH DEVON
In favoured Wellswood between *Babbacombe & the Harbour.*
ELEGANT REFURBISHED APTS
each about 2,000 sq ft with hall, clks, lnge + balc, dining rm, super kit/b'fast 4 beds, 2 baths. Gge or pkng. 1.3 acres landscaped gdns.
£110,000 (New 99 yr lse)
WAYCOTTS
01803 212531

CAMEL ESTUARY - Polzeath. New luxury cottages on managed site 5 minutes from beach Best value in this desirable area *from £69,500. 01208 831167*

EAST ANGLIA

NORFOLK Georgian rectory. Anx Good loc. Quick sale Bargain £350,000. 01223 511702

ESSEX

WOODFORD GREEN
(22 mins Liverpool St Station)
Very large high spec individually designed detached house, 6 years old, 5 bed, all ensuite, 5 receptions. 52 ft purpose built *loft/games room, double garage,* heated pool, enclosed gardens, superb decorative order.
Priced to sell £359,000
Tel: 0181 504 8325

HANTS., DORSET, AND I.O.W.

EXBURY VILLAGE, unmodernised 3 bed semi det cottage with *excellent rural views.* Price guide £85,000 Paul Jackson Estate Agents 01590 674411.

HOUSE HUNTING? Buying or Renting we act on your behalf. *22 yrs exp Rosemary Gould* Homesearch 01962 844266

KENT

HEADCORN
Three bedroomed semi-detached cottage in quiet country lane.
Large garden.
Lovely views over fields.
2.5m from Headcorn & mainline rail link to London.
12m from Ashford Int Stn.
Oil fired C.H.
£94,000
01622 891507

4 exclusive plots for luxury houses St Margaret's Bay. Stunning location and views. Closest point to France. Unrepeatable. Offers each plot or whole. 01233 610637 (fax 622409)

SCOTLAND

INVERNESS
wonderful opportunity through owners emigrating. 7 bedroom guest-house for sale, all rooms with shower facilities, central heating throughout, fantastic business, overlooking river Ness and castle, beside town centre and close to all amenities. For sale in the region of £135,000.
Tel/Fax :01463 241 443.

SOMERSET & AVON

RARE OPPORTUNITY
Somerset/Wiltshire border
A 17th C coach house, overwhelming in character, situated in town centre, in quiet tranquil setting.
Over 3,000 sq ft of accom.
6 beds, 2 lounges 36 ft X 22 ft & 22 ft x 22 ft + 2 dining rooms.
Indoor heated s/pool
Value £247,000
Quick sale £197,000.
Tel: 01373 474014.

SURREY

OXTED
A home for MOUNTAIN GOATS with KIDS or NANNIES!
Split level detached quality house, 8 months old. Quiet cul-de-sac but 5 minutes walk shops/supermarket/ station, 10 minutes county school, Small rural town (Oxted) 4 miles Jct 6 M25.
4 bed, 2 bath, cloak, 2 recep, 29' kitchen with family room. Teenage/granny suite + shower room. Double integral garage. Security lighting. Butterfly garden.
£279,950
Tel 01883 717160

SUSSEX

BURWASH - Managed country apartment in large gardens. [illegible]

WALES

TENBY
Georgian terraced house with breathtaking sea views from both aspects, one overlooking the harbour and a similar spectacular rear outlook. Comprising of an elegant spacious 5 bedroom maisonette with 2 superb reception rooms, also self contained 2 bedroom basement flat. Large paved terraced garden leading to beach.
Tel: 01834 843179

YORKSHIRE

HILLFARM
Converted barn, 4 beds, 3 recep, snooker room, 4 stables, approx 10 acre paddock, 2 garages, lge workshop, 2 offices, central heating, dble glazing, conservatory, beamed ceilings, property 4 yrs old. Panoramic views, £350,000.
Tel: 01924 848477

PROPERTY WANTED

BUILDING PLOT WANTED
In London & South East
Cash available for immediate purchase.
Plot/garden site wanted for family home. All areas considered.
Tel: 0171 289 4955

RENTALS

BARONS COURT
Queen's Club Gardens W14. 3 double bedroom newly refurbished flat, fully furnished, access to communal gardens & tennis courts. 5 mins Piccadilly & District Line.
Tel: 0181 4452756
or 0973 815982

HIGHBURY
Close to Victoria line and the city, architect designed warehouse conversion, 1 bedroom flat, en suite bathroom, office/second bedroom, seperate shower and toilet, spacious open plan living area, balcony to living room and bedroom, seperate utility area, gas ch, very secure. £1,300 pcm
Tel: 0171 226 0420

HENRY & JAMES
RESIDENTIAL SALES & RENTALS
BELGRAVIA
PONT STREET, SW1
A spacious second floor flat comprising: 3 bedrooms, 1 reception room, 2 bathrooms, Kitchen. [illegible]
Price range: [illegible]
FURTHER PROPERTIES REQUIRED
SPECIAL TERMS
Tel: 0171 235 8861
Fax: 0171 235 7819

HAMPTONS
IFIELD ROAD – SW10
A spacious house offering accommodation located between the Old Brompton Road and the Fulham Road.
2 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, *shower room (en suite).* Garden. Roof terrace. Unfurnished.
£500 per week
Chelsea office. Tel: 0171 370 0774

ACCOMMODATION in St Johns Wood, Hampstead & surrounding areas. Beverley Robinson Lettings. Call 0171 372 0068.

ALLEN BATES & CO Specialists in short term / holiday lettings. Flats available from £280 pw inclusive 0171 436 6666.

BARBICAN/CITY Wide selection of flats to let. For details of availability & list contact Frank Harris & Co 0171 600 7000.

BARONS COURT 4 bedroom flat (2 dbl. 2 single). £410 pw. Avail now. Tel 0181-748 1336.

CHELSEA self contained furn flat, dbl bed, lounge, kitchen, bath, wc, roof terrace, clrwch. £200pw. Tel:0171 373 3428.

CHELSEA Sydney St. Spacious furnished 2 bed maisonette £390 pw 0171 352 0836

CHELSEA / KENSINGTON W8. 3 dbl bed. exc location. £480pw 0171 581 1631.

CHELSEA. Oakley St. Immac 1 dbl bed conversion, exc condition. £275pw. 0181 446 1161

CURZON STREET, MAYFAIR. 3 bed, 3 bath, enormous drawing / dining room on ambassadorial scale, state of the art kit, air cond, security system, lift, avail now £1,500 pw. Contact Spyer & Dove 0171 794 8088.

Delightful detached cottage, 3 bed, 3 bath, dble garage, use of paddocks if required, rural location, 5 miles Haywoods Heath. £1200 pcm. 01444 471133.

FULHAM. Superb large family house 4 beds 2 reception. kit/breakfast rm. Avail now £450 pw. 0171 736 1166

GOLDERS GREEN Lux 2 bed flat nr tube, garden. Off street Parking. £185 pw. 0181 5003914

Hadley Common Idyllic setting *immac 2 bed cott. close* Cockfosters & Hadley Wood stations £180pw min 1 year 01494 434483.

Holland Park. Spacious new 2 dble bed, dble recep flat with patio, modern kitchen, gch/wm £400pw 0171 371 1707.

HOLLAND PARK Stunning 2 bed 2 bath hse, hge rec, study, sprial stairs, exp beams wooden flrs £750pw 0181 932 1083 T.

HOLLAND PK Portland Rd W11 F/F, 3 dble bed family terr hse, £590pw. AHP 0181 741 2224

ISLINGTON N1. Spacious 3/4 bed house, excellent condition, benefits from 2 bathrooms, 2 receps & period features, set in heart of Canonbury £700pw Coppling Joyce 0171 226 4221

KENSINGTON W8. 2 bed flat, purpose built block near shops & tube. £265pw inc CH/HW. Min 6 months 0585 541726

MAYFAIR Exc value, 3rd/4th flr spac mais, new dec/fits. 3 dble bed, 2 lrge recep, 2 bath, shwr, F/F kit, unfurn will furn must go £600pw nr Park Lane Aparts 0171 629 0763.

MAYFAIR 4 dbl bed house, study, 2 receps, fully furnished £1850 pw. Tel.0171 629 8604.

PARK LANE. Prestige Block, mod 1 bed flat, f/unfurn, c/h, f.kit d/w, w/dr, lift, entry phone £260pw 0181 203 7691.

QUEENSGATE TERRACE SW7. Lge lux 2 dbl bed, 2 bath u/f apart, new conversion, lux f kit, fireplace video entry, secure u/g parking, porter. £350pw. Spires Int 0171 937 7733

REGENT PK Very quiet maison flat 2 bed P/B flat spac lounge fit kit bath, gge gch porter new decor £280pw 0181 953 8911

SOUTH KENS Queens Gate, lrge 2 bed, 2 bath, study, high ceilings. £550pw. 0171 724 9919.

SOUTH KENSINGTON prime 1st fl 3 double bed, 3 bath & terr £690pw. 0171 371 6721 Agt.

ST. JAMES'S. Immac interior designed 2 bed apartment £425pw PF 0171 221 9044.

STH KENS Immac 2 bed interior design mews house with garage £425pw PF 0171 221 9044

STH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. 14th Century thatched house [illegible]

ST JOHNS WOOD [illegible]

SWISS COTTAGE, NW6. [illegible]

RENTALS

SWISS COTTAGE 2 bght dbl bd rm, spac rec, new dec kit w/m/d oec, elegant furn. £310pw inc heat. 0181 953 8911 T

W2. 3 bd, 2 shwr, unfurn apt in port blck, new refurb, wood flr. £350pw PKR 0171 289 0042.

W1. 3 beds 3 baths near Bond St. £650 u/f also 2 bds 2 baths £375pw Tel 0171 368 1156

WESTMINSTER, Close to C4 building, lux 1 bed f/f apart, new development, f.kit & bath, balcony, video entry, secure u/g parking, porter, £280pw. Spires Int 0171 937 7733.

WIMBLEDON Lux furn hse 3/4 bed, 3 recep, 2 baths, sauna, s/pool. £490 pw. Suit family/Co. let. 0181 8713373.

W1 PARK LANE. *Prestige Block,* modern 3 bed apt, lrg balc, f.kit, w/dr, d/w, c/h, lift, ent phone. £575pw 0181 203 7691

BALEARICS

IBIZA
Fully furnished traditional villa for retirement or holidays, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, large lounge, seperate dining room, cloakroom, fully fitted kitchen, beautiful garden with terraces, orchard, pool, views to San Antonio *Bay 5 kms away. Detached guest* house comprising 2 bedrooms, bathroom & garage £200,000
Owners on
01865 390 500

FRANCE

MIDI-PYRENEES
Converted 5 bed farmhouse with swimming pool. Spectacular mountain and countryside views *from 5 acre hill-top site south of* Toulouse. 2 separate fully furnished cottages plus apartment give holiday income. FF1.65M.
Tel: 0181 892 1832
Fax: 0181 568 6269

SOUTH WEST
Historic Chateau. 35 km Spain. *70 km Toulouse.* Restored. Beautiful reception rms. 9 bedrooms. 1000+ m² space. 2 cottages. 108 acres parkland hills, woodland pasture.
5.5M FF
Owner T: 33 61 964465
F: 33 61 964111

PICARDY
Our house in quiet old village 30 minutes from Paris by Chantilly chateau, woods, golf. 2/3 bedroom, gas central heat, separate studio apartment.
FF 879 000.
Phone (33-1) 43 38 14 26
Fax (33-1)48 06 62 03

FRANCE

TAX HAVEN - ANDORRA
For Sale -
Attractive Swiss chalet.
3 beds, bath & shower room.
Double garage.
All mod cons. Part furnished.
£285,000
Tel: 00376 836069

W PARIS
Meudon
Delightful 2 bedrm apt in exclusive residential area (close forest & lakes) Easy access centre of Paris & La Defense, or local shops. Well decorated, fully fitted kitchen, excellent storage throughout. Garden, terrace, garage, cellar.
FF. 1.3 million.
Tel: 00 33 145341425.

ALL FRANCE "The Hexagon" New full colour brochure 100s of properties. For free copy phone or fax 01497 831771.

CHÂTEAU on the river near Bordeaux. Manoir Orangerie Cottage Swimming Pool 25 acres *All in good condition £395,000.* Domus Abroad 0171 431 4692.

COTE D'AZURE/VAR, SPA (EU) sell the widest range of Villas/Aprts and welcome your enquiries however specific. Tel: 0171 483 0606 Fax: 483 0438.

FRENCH ALPS. £35k - £300k+. *New & resale.* broch/photos. Beaches Int. 01562 886181.

JOSSELIN Sth Brittany. Idyllic fortified hunting lodge, fully restored *and furnished.* turrets, stables, lakeside setting on 6 acres. FF1 68 million. Tel: 0171-482 2514, eves & w/ends or 0171 486 7167 day.

GREECE

CRETE nr Agia Galini. New lux villas overlook secluded beach. Mortgages avail 01548 560370.

PAXOS English owned 2 bed villa, built 1986, £65,000 (inc furniture). Tel 01622 720921.

ITALY

TUSCAN Farmhouse, nr Barga, Garfagnana. Private pool, suporb views, sleeps 2-6. Phone 01243 779491 for details

PORTUGAL

ALGARVE, Apartments & villas, Vale do Lobo, Quinta do Lago, Balaia Village, Alto Golf plus Carvoeiro & Lagos. Prime Property Int. 01628 778841.

FRANCE

FRENCH PROPERTY EXHIBITION
ADMISSION FREE
AROUND 90 EXHIBITORS
26TH, 27TH, 28TH JANUARY 1996
FRI. 11.00 AM TO 7.00 PM.
SAT. 10.00 AM TO 6.00 PM. SUN. 10.00 AM TO 5.00 PM.
THE EXHIBITION CENTRE, NOVOTEL, HAMMERSMITH
1 SHORTLANDS, LONDON W6

Organised by WISEFILE LIMITED
2a Lambton Road, London SW20 0LR Telephone: 0181 944 5500
BRITAINS BEST EXHIBITION FOR HOMES IN FRANCE

PORTUGAL

50% off
Green Fees at
PARQUE DA FLORESTA
At the heart of the unspoilt West Algarve. 18 hole golf & leisure development with fitness centre. Championship bowling rinks & tennis courts. Four ownership options from £28,000. Village houses from £87,500. Villas with pools from £169,000 to £500,000. All owners enjoy preferred tee off times & 50% off green fees. Brochures available.
Call: 01223 316820

SPAIN

COSTA TROPICAL
Salobrena,
Granada, Spain.
4 bed, 4 bath, large villa. Garage, pool, gym, sat t.v., tele, alarm system, ch, plot size 829msq. adj plot 915msq with planning permission, all *with full escritura.* Bank val £250,000. Will accept £180,000 or will exchange for similar property in England.
Tel/Fax 0171 473 4646
or Tel/Fax 0034 588 28408.

COSTA BLANCA
For full colour brochure on our *range of new &* resale apartments & villas, fincas & businesses in Moraira & Torrevieja.
Write/Call
OHH Kea House,
71 Yockley Close,
Camberley,
Surrey GU15 1QQ
on 01276 676281 Now

ANDORRA - Tax haven. Swiss *chalet for sale - see France.*

COSTA DEL SOL Marbella to Mijas Villas to £500k. Apts. £60k to £260k Optional Rental Guarantee Scheme Tel SPS 01202 296098

FARMHOUSES, Cottages, Fincas and Village Houses in non-tourist quiet areas of Andalucia 01444 412551 B + V

MARBELLA / SOTOGRANDE Selection of 600 quality props. Flight refunds. Colour broch Interealty 01954 718999

U.S.A.

HOMES AND BUSINESSES For Sale Orlando and Gulf Coast Guaranteed rental schemes. Call FPC 01202 296098

RETIREMENT HOMES

English Courtyard can offer you a variety of unusually large cottages and flats in unique locations, each offering something different, but always special.

Walpole Court,
Puddletown, Nr Dorchester
£79,950 - £120,000

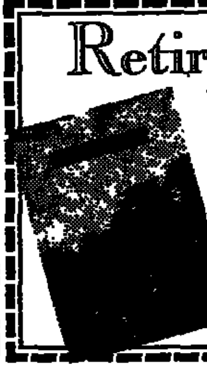
The Vinery, Torquay,
£65,000 - £135,000

Malthouse Court,
Towcester,
Northamptonshire
£125,000

Freephone 0800 220858
quoting Ref : RJ2
or write to 8 Holland Street,
London W8 4LT

English Courtyard

RETIREMENT HOMES



Retire with a good book

Your own apartment in a country house, with all services provided, including meals. You could enjoy this retirement lifestyle.

For information, telephone or write to:

Country Houses Association, FREEPOST, London WC2B 6BR. Tel 071 836 1624

COUNTRY HOUSES ASSOCIATION PROPERTIES ARE IN BERKSHIRE, DEVON, ESSEX, KENT, OXFORDSHIRE, SURREY, SUSSEX, WILTSHIRE

TIMESHARE

TIMESHARE PRIVATE SALES

resort name	area	month	no. of wks	season	sleeps	£ per wk
LANZAROTE BEACH CLUB	LANZAROTE	FEB	1	HIGH	6	1930
CLUB RIVERA MARBELLA	COSTA DEL SOL	AUG	2	HIGH	6	1650
DIAMOND CLUB LAS CALAS	LANZAROTE	AUG	2	HIGH	6	1899
EL CAPISTRANO PLAYA	COSTA DEL SOL	MAY	2	HIGH	6	1850
MARINA DEL SOL	COSTA DEL SOL	MAY	2	HIGH	6	1899
FOUR SEASONS MARBELLA	COSTA DEL SOL	MAR-NOV	2	HIGH	6	2500
C.P.V. LUBINA SOL	COSTA DEL SOL	JUNE	2	HIGH	4	899
CLUB OLYMPUS	TENERIFE	JULY	2	HIGH	4	1250
PUEBLO EVITA	COSTA DEL SOL	APRIL	1	MID	4	1150
BARRATT DONA LOLA	COSTA DEL SOL	JUNE	1	HIGH	4	1599
BARRATT VILLACANA	COSTA DEL SOL	MARCH	1	MID	4	1499
MONTE CARVOEIRO	ALGARVE	APRIL	1	MID	4	1495
SOLAR SAO JOAO	ALGARVE	JUNE	2	HIGH	4	1499
MONTECHORO BEACH CLUB	ALGARVE	APRIL	1	MID	4	1330
CLUBE VILAROSA	ALGARVE	OCT	2	HIGH	4	1650
CLUBE PRAIA DA OURA	ALGARVE	OCT	2	HIGH	6	2495
PORTOBELLO	ALGARVE	OCT	2	HIGH	4	1299
CLUBE DO MONACO	ALGARVE	OCT	1	HIGH	6	1495
WHITE SANDS BEACH CLUB	MENORCA	JULY	1	HIGH	6	1895
CLUB IBIZA MALTA	OCT	1	MID	4	995	
JARDINES DEL PUERTO	COSTA DEL SOL	OCT	1	HIGH	4	1295
C.P.V. LUBINA SOL	COSTA DEL SOL	AUG	2	HIGH	4	1495
WESTGATE VACATION	FLORIDA	SEPT	1	HIGH	6	2250
VISTANA RESORT	FLORIDA	SEPT	1	HIGH	8	2900
SAND PEBBLE RESORT	FLORIDA	AUG	2	HIGH	6	2900
SCANDINAVIAN VILLAGE	AVIEMORE	APR	1	HIGH	4	1595
MONESS COUNTRY CLUB	SCOTLAND	JULY	1	HIGH	4	1695
LAUGHARNE PARK	WALES	OCT	1	HIGH	4	1795
PINE LAKES RESORT	LAKES	SEPT	1	HIGH	6	3250
BROOME PARK	KENT	SEPT	2	HIGH	6	2450
BAHIA BLANCA	GRAN CANARIA	SEPT	2	HIGH	4	1425
CLUB CALA BLANCA	GRAN CANARIA	SEPT	1	HIGH	4	2495
HOLLYWOOD MIRAGE	TENERIFE	AUG	1	HIGH	4	1895
BEVERLY HILLS HEIGHTS	TENERIFE	JULY	1	HIGH	6	2500

Prices to own not rent
●
7 years experience
●
21-day cool off
●
Low deposit secures
●
No cancellation fee
●
Full transfer
●
Protected payment

NOW ON THE INTERNET
For a larger choice visit our home page at:
www:primeshare.co.uk
E-mail address: info @ primeshare.co.uk
please indicate whether buying or selling.

One of our enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff will welcome your call with the courtesy you expect. You'll find that no request is too much effort for your consultant. Please ask if you don't see what you want.

THE TIMESHARE COUNCIL

CALL
01449 616055
NOW!

TO: PrimeShare International Ltd
FREEPOST
Stowmarket
Suffolk IP14 1BR
I am interested in:
☐ Timeshare bargains
☐ Selling my Timeshare
NAME
ADDRESS
POSTCODE
TELEPHONE NO. (day)
TELEPHONE NO. (eve.)

PRIMESHARE
THE TIMESHARE ESTATE AGENT

DX29/10

هكذا من الأصل

How to make it a sellers' market

Pricing your house shrewdly is the best policy, writes **Rachel Kelly**

Nowhere are there more price drops and bargains on offer than in January's property market.

The current housing market may be the worst on record, judging by two statistics. House sales for 1995 will probably total 1.2 million (final figures are not yet available from the Central Statistical Office) — the second lowest since current records began in 1977. And prices fell overall by 1.4 per cent, according to the Halifax Building Society. Such figures mask far larger percentage price drops for some houses, especially at the top end of the market, say two leading agents, Savills and Knight Frank.

Dropping the asking price is often less effective than most sellers might imagine in wooing buyers, according to Simon Agace, from Winkworth, London's biggest agent. "We notice a definite bias from buyers for property new on the market. Property that has been on sale for a few months or more is seen as tainted."

Alison Dean, from Savills, agrees. "Cutting the price of a house is not something we necessarily encourage. In the sales someone might see a cashmere coat and think, 'It's been reduced, I have to have it', but that doesn't happen with houses." A price cut would have to be dramatic to affect its selling ability, she says.

It is far better to put your house on the market at the right price in the first place. A survey by Black Horse Agencies confirms the estate agent's adage that the first offer made is often the best. The survey studied 1,500 transactions at 100 branches, and found that a house which sells within days of coming onto the market will usually get more than 95 per cent of its asking price. After 30 weeks, this falls to 90 per cent and after a year to 86 per cent.

Ian Davies, Black Horse's regional operations director, says: "In this market, only a sensibly priced house will get close to its asking price and sell fast."

So how do you correctly price a house, and who is to blame when things go wrong — you or your agents? Ms Dean says: "Look at your house from a stranger's viewpoint and be as dispassionate as possible. Perhaps get a family member to give their honest opinion. Because people love their homes it is easy to overlook the flaws. You have to be realistic."

The next step is to find comparables. Scour the local papers and your estate agent's window. Try to keep a log-book of sales of similar property over the six months before you sell. Were their houses in better condition than yours? Was their kitchen more modern? Did they have a better designed roof extension? Such details can make a difference of thousands of pounds.

Peter Rollings is manager of Foxtons' office in South Kensington, London. He says: "Always get two or three agents in to view your house, and ask for their evidence of why they have chosen a particular price. Avoid the agent who vastly overprices the house in comparison with the others; if he's just doing it to get your business he won't be able to shift the property and will lose interest quickly."

If the agent proves apathetic or negative, sack him, Mr Rollings says. "It's only natural that an agent will get bored showing the same property day in, day out, without any sale, and loss of enthusiasm will only hinder matters further. It's an agent's job to be ambitious and enthusiastic."

If the house hasn't sold within two or three months, then something is wrong, Mr Rollings says. "The only variable you've got is the price. You'll need to make a cut of at least five per cent to make any difference."

He does emphasise, however, the need for balance. "Ultimately the agent must be ambitious for his client. Really, often there is not a very large gap between too much and not enough."

Patrick Ramsay is in charge of country houses at Knight Frank. He says: "Discuss the question of price openly with your agent. Sellers often think that their property is worth more than it actually is."

Philip Blanchard, of John D. Wood & Co's Winchester office, agrees that price drops are often because the owner has sought too optimistic a price in the first place.

Sales are lost because sellers refuse to accept the price suggested by the agent, Mr Ramsay says. "Try and work as a team. The closest teams are the winning teams." He believes presentation of the house is important. "First impressions are essential — buyers buy houses in the first ten minutes of viewing."

The rules are familiar, but it amazes agents how few sellers adhere to them. Mr Ramsay recommends: "A neat, well-organised exterior, and a tidy, warm and friendly interior. If you have a log fire, use it. Switching on lights makes sense at this time of year. Create an atmosphere that will appeal. Make sure children's bedrooms are relatively tidy. Don't overcrowd rooms with furniture, it shrinks the room. Redecorate blips if they spoil the overall look. Don't, however, redecorate an entire room so that it outshines the rest of the house."

Make sure your house gets top quality presentation in brochures — a good picture with simple wording is best. Make sure the information is accurate, or it may lead to disputes at a later date. All these points, obvious though they may be, can make a difference to the sale. Mr Ramsay emphasises the need to select the right agent. "Choose an agent who is going to bring the best coverage for your house, not just the one who's closest to your doorstep."

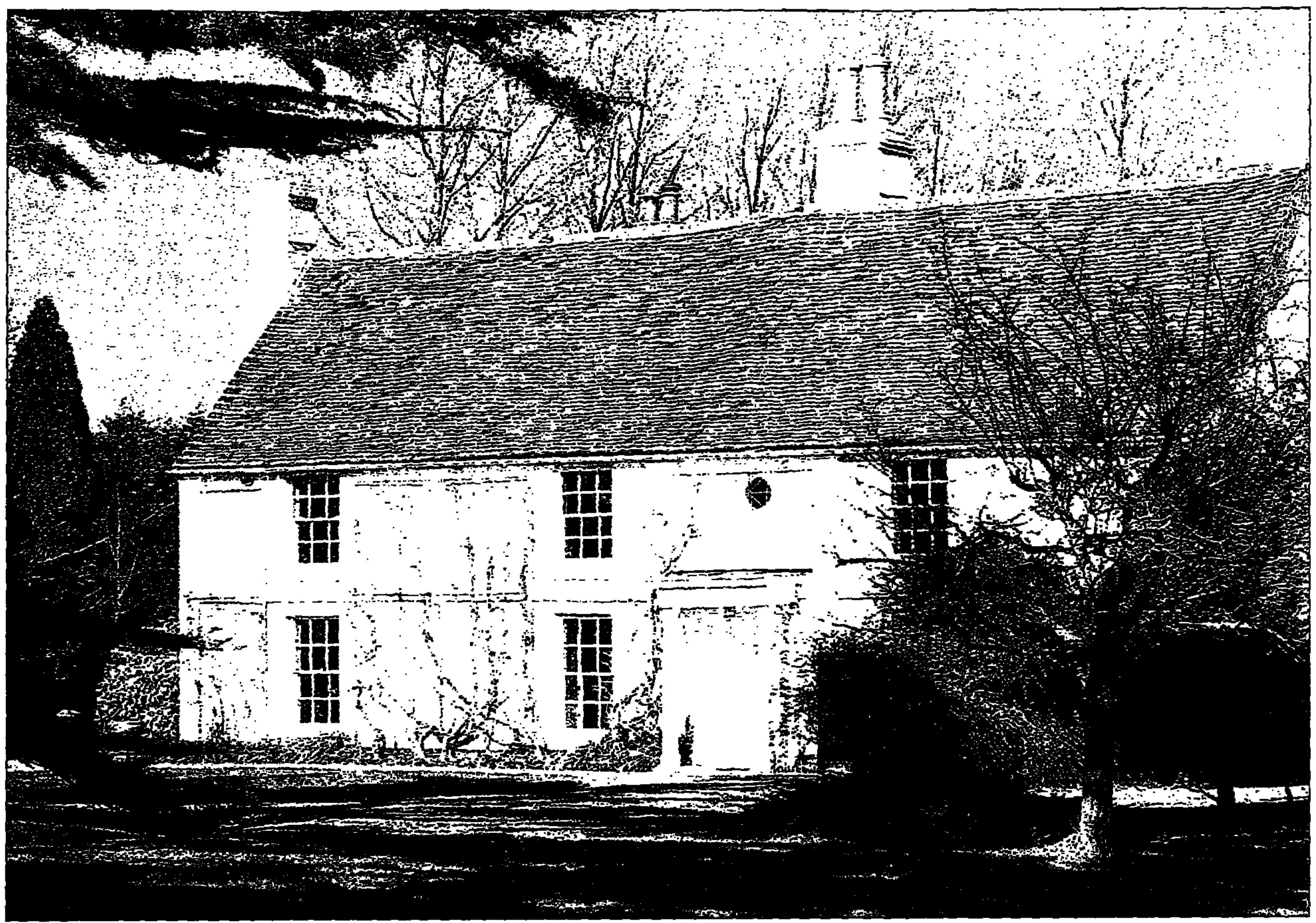
Ultimately, if you have been dispassionate, chosen your agent with care, and agreed a sensible price for your house, it should sell without a need for a price cut. Remember, sales figures may be the lowest for years, but more than a million people *did* manage to sell their house in 1995. This year, it could be you.

PRICE CUTS

☐ **HUNTBOURNE is a five-bedroom country house, near Sevenoaks, Kent, with swimming pool and paddock. Savills was selling it for £595,000 but has reduced it to £520,000. Alison Dean says: "Changes in the seller's circumstances have made him keener to move."**

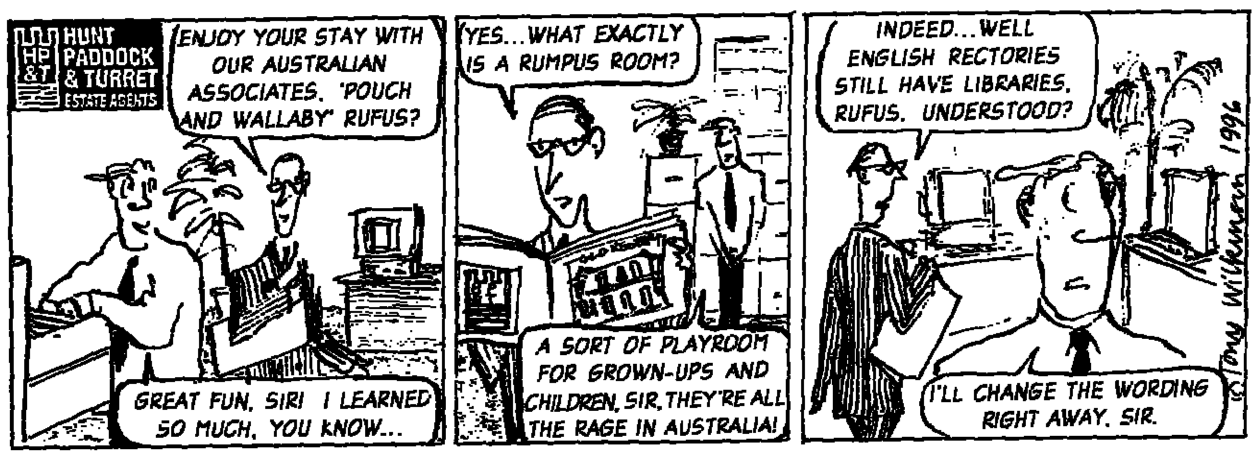
☐ ***COCKFIELD Hall* in Suffolk is a Grade I listed Tudor House, the price of which has been cut by Savills in Ipswich from £950,000 to £890,000. Ms Dean says: "The house was difficult to price because of its rarity."**

☐ ***FOXTONS is selling* a four-bedroom flat in Carlyle Mansions, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea (below). The flat was with another agent for £625,000 — now it is £495,000. Peter Rollings, of Foxtons, says: "The previous price was too high."**



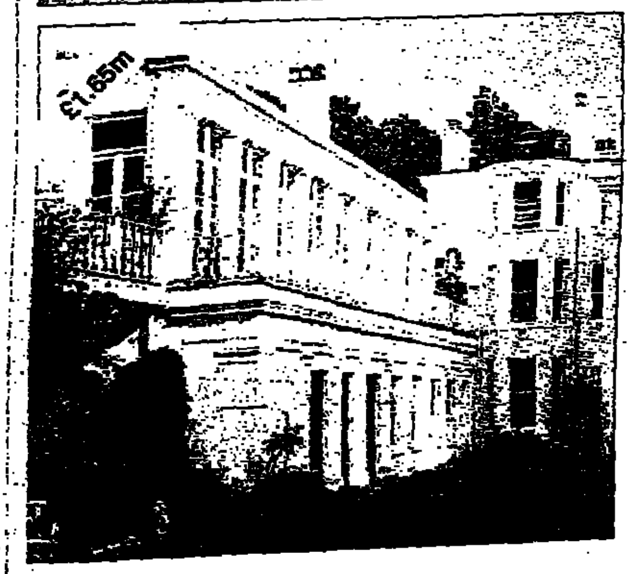
Heath Court in Essex is a 17th-century country house which has had its price reduced from £700,000 to £590,000. Mark Oliver, at the Ipswich office of Savills, says: "The seller had a very high expectation of the price to be achieved — which wasn't quite in line with the advice Savills gave; now, with the property under the £600,000 threshold, it is attracting interest."

Carlyle Mansions, Cheyne Walk: cut by £130,000 to £495,000

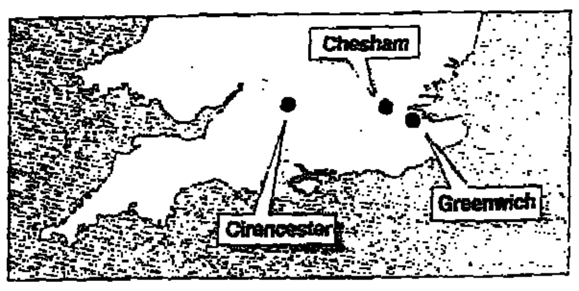

HUNT PADDOCK & TURRET ESTATE AGENTS
HP &T
ENJOY YOUR STAY WITH OUR AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATES, 'POUCH AND WALLABY' RUFUS?
GREAT FUN, SIR! I LEARNED SO MUCH, YOU KNOW...
YES...WHAT EXACTLY IS A RUMPUS ROOM?
A SORT OF PLAYROOM FOR GROWN-UPS AND CHILDREN, SIR, THEY'RE ALL THE RAGE IN AUSTRALIA!
INDEED...WELL ENGLISH RECTORIES STILL HAVE LIBRARIES, RUFUS. UNDERSTOOD?
I'LL CHANGE THE WORDING RIGHT AWAY, SIR.
© Tony Wilkinson 1996

FOR SALE

HOUSES FOR ENTERTAINING



LONDON
Hillside House, Croom's Hill, Greenwich SE10. Grade II listed Georgian house with terraces in two thirds of an acre of gardens, bordering Greenwich Park. Six bedrooms, six bathrooms, four reception rooms, kitchen, office, utility area and cellars. Galleried drawing room/ballroom (44ft 7in x 17ft 9in), with full-length windows and polished wood floor. About £1.65m (Strutt & Parker, 0171-235 9959).



GLOUCESTERSHIRE
Siddington House, Cirencester. Immaculate Cotswold country house in 18 acres of garden and paddocks. Eight bedrooms, five bathrooms, three reception rooms, kitchen and staff flat. Converted barn/entertaining suite with vaulted ceilings, bar, kitchen and cloakrooms. Heated swimming pool, two tennis courts, helicopter landing pad and hangar. About £1.15m (Knight Frank, 01285 659771).

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
Pednor House, Little Pednor, Chesham. Grade II listed house in five acres of gardens, orchards and paddocks, in the Chiltern Hills. Six bedrooms (all with en-suite baths), three reception rooms, terrace room, breakfast room, kitchen, utility room, playroom and study. Banqueting hall (66ft x 34ft), with oak flooring, vaulted ceiling and minstrels' gallery. Three-bedroom cottage, garaging and swimming pool. About £975,000 (Hamptons, 01494 775650).

CHERYL TAYLOR

YOUR FREE PASSPORT TO OVER 100 MUSEUMS OFFERS

SPECIAL EVENTS

'Inclined Oval Brown', Paul Feiler

ST IVES, CORNWALL
'Form to Essence: Theme and Development' an Exhibition of Paintings by Paul Feiler at the Tate Gallery St Ives
More than 60 of Paul Feiler's paintings and drawings show how his style changed over 50 years from landscape inspired compositions to geometric abstraction. Feiler was born in Germany in 1918 and settled in Cornwall in the 1950s.
Admission to the exhibition £3 adults, £1.50 senior citizens and children
Passport holders are entitled to two for one admission
Tate Gallery St Ives, Porthmeor Beach
Tel 01736 796226
Exhibition runs until April 21
Tue–Sun 11am–5pm

LONDON WC2
'Richard and Maria Cosway: Regency Artists of Taste and Fashion' at the National Portrait Gallery
Richard and Maria Cosway were one of the most fascinating artistic couples of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. This major show comprises some 250 works from public and private collections. Richard Cosway was an outstanding miniaturist who captured fashionable Regency society.
Admission £3 full price, £2 concessions
Passport holders entitled to 10% off NPG shop purchases (not books)
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place
Tel 0171 306 0055
Exhibition runs until February 18
Mon–Sat 10am–6pm, Sun 12pm–6pm

MANCHESTER
'William Morris Revisited: Questioning the Legacy' at the Whitworth Art Gallery
This major touring exhibition, organised by the Whitworth, is the first in a series of projects marking the centenary of the death of William Morris, whose influence on the Arts and Crafts movement was far-reaching. Some 300 objects will be on display, with Morris's work represented in each section as a point of departure.
Admission free
Passport holders invited to attend special opening on: Thursday January 25, 5.30pm–7pm
The University of Manchester, Oxford Road
Tel 0161 275 7450
Event takes place only on Thursday January 25, 5.30pm–7pm Refreshments will be served
Exhibition runs January 26 until April 7
Mon–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun 2pm–5pm

SIDBURY, WORCESTER
Frost Fair at the Commandery Civil War Centre
Banish the winter blues with the delights of a two-day Frost Fair in the 15th century timber-framed Commandery, covered in 'frost' laden decorations. Entertainment includes Queen of the Frost, the Green Man, Early English Music, jugglers and for the children, face painting and a Frost trail round the building.
Admission £3.15 adults, £2.15 senior citizens and children
Passport holders are entitled to two for one admission
The Commandery, Sidbury, Worcester
Tel 01905 355071
Event takes place only on Saturday January 20, 10am–4pm and Sunday January 21, 2pm–5pm
Museum open Mon-Fri 10am–5pm, Sat-Sun 1.30pm–5.30pm

YOU CAN USE THESE SPECIAL OFFERS IF YOU HAVE THE TIMES-BARCLAYS PREMIER MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES PASSPORT.

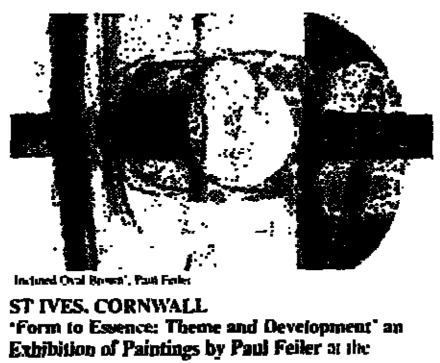
FOR A FREE COPY

Complete the order form below enclosing a first class stamp loose in the envelope to: The Times Museums and Galleries Passport Offer, Spero Communications, PO Box 349, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6YU.

BARCLAYS PREMIER
The Gold Charge Card From Barclays

Please send me my 28 page Passport and Guide featuring 85 Museums and Galleries
Title Initial
Surname
Address
Postcode
If you do not wish to receive further offers from us please tick this box. ☐

THE TIMES



GARDENING

Designer water courses are *the* way this year to add charm to any type of garden. **Stephen Anderton** goes with the flow

Splash out with a licence to rill

The year of the rill is upon us. I say this not as a result of EU policy or the Chinese calendar, but as a general observation. At the moment, garden designers are having a field day with rills, those little water courses whose charm and fascination far exceed their surface area.

I can see why. Designer rills, whether sinuous and informal or rectilinear stone contructions, are a delightful method of pointing the way from A to B. You cannot help but go with the flow. They remind me of the rows of lights in the floor of aircraft gangways which point the way to the emergency exit.

Rills are a good way of making a significant water feature without the need for large volumes of water. If given a waterproof lining, they can be operated by a circulating pump in the same manner as a cascade in a rock garden, although the canalisation of a small stream is rather wonderful if you happen to have one.

The place to see the rill of rills is at Hestercombe House in Somerset. There is a pair of rills, each running down the centre of a long, raised grass terrace, which was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens in the early years of the century. A generous strip of stone paving runs down either side of a water course, perhaps a foot across. Every now and then the paving gathers enough momentum to make a stone eddy, and it spirals off alongside to form a tiny pool.

The beauty of a formal water course like this is that the construction can be carefully detailed. Lutyens supported his edging stones on pillars of stacked slate so that they overhang the water, which might then appear to flow under the grass as well as in the channel. The floor of the rill is made of slate on edge, laid across the direction of the rill, contrasting with the flow of the water.

Lutyens's rill contains only a few inches of water, so you can see the texturing of the surface below. But the surface of the water is well below the paved edges and in shade. In another situation, you could make the water surface more open and level with the surrounding area.

By making the water more prominent, a great deal can be done to make its passage interesting as it runs down a rill. It can be shallowly (or steeply) stepped from time to time, or narrowed and broadened to create turbulence. The bed can be coarsely textured, with anything from coloured pebbles to glass, to roughen the surface of the water and alter the tune of its flow. The sound of the rill should be part of the design, sweet as the first glass of Beerenauslese.

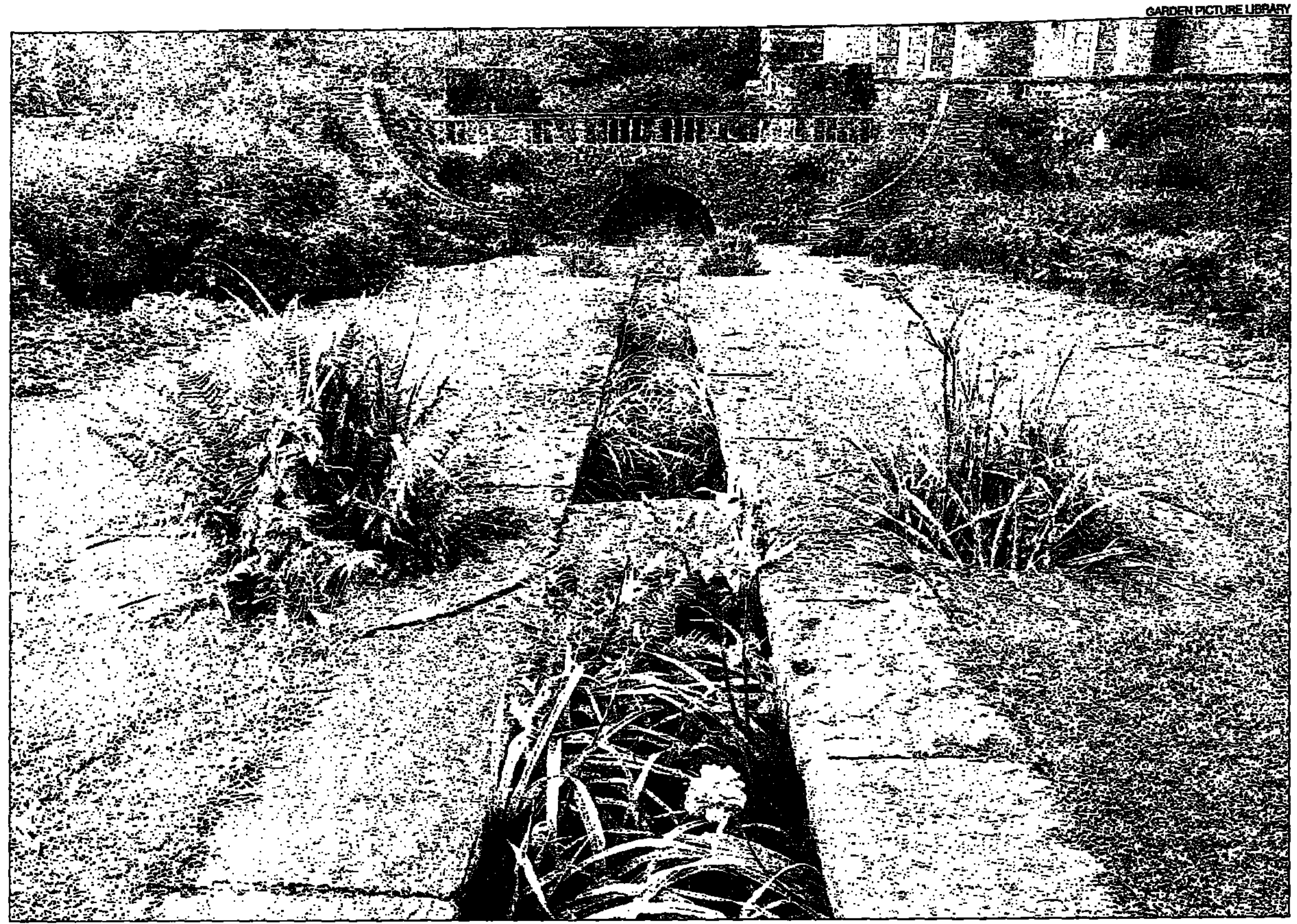
Designer rills are nothing new. At William Kent's 18th-century landscape garden at Rousham in Oxfordshire there is a fine example of an informal rill, which snakes along through Elysian woods and glades like a watery yellow brick road. Again, it is in a space large enough to be allowed to take a central course though the picture. In a smaller garden a careful choice must be made between what looks attractive and what is likely to break ankles. Where parties regularly overflow into town gardens, a rill across a lawn would achieve the same effect as an ankle-height razor wire. But, where there is enough room, why shouldn't the rill take centre stage? Think of Christopher Lloyd's one-brick-wide path which winds across the orchard at Great Dixter, a waterless rill if ever there was one. No doubt legions of planners from Brussels are already marching on Dixter and Rousham, ready to demand notices saying "DANGER – RILL" or "DANGER – PATH". One hopes that the owners will give the planners ample opportunity to prove the risk personally.

Rills should be fun, a discreet and relaxed contrivance: a rill to follow the sweeping edge of a curved lawn perhaps; a rill trickling like an aqueduct along the top of a wall: or one which bifurcates to pass a natural boulder and passes on again as one.

Holker Hall in Cumbria uses steep, sloping rills to flank several flights of garden steps, the water disappearing in a spiral with a noisy chortle, before passing under the landings and reappearing at a lower level. Perhaps you might make a spiral rill instead of a circular pond. Or a rill maze, perhaps, where the water can flow only through the one viable channel?

Unless you want to grow water plants, in a small garden a rill makes for more interesting use of water than a pond. The combination of a formal pool with rills leading to or from it can provide the best of both worlds. Rills manage to be at home in both formal and informal gardens by simply highlighting some element of the design, but using water instead of plants. Not surprisingly, you rarely see a rill which is planted: the beauty of them is in their simplicity, with the elegant exception of Hestercombe rill.

GARDEN PICTURE LIBRARY



One of the finest rills around, in the sunken garden at Hestercombe House, Somerset, was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. Unusually, this rill is planted.

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Bring indoors frame pots of hyacinths and narcissi when the buds are just showing and put them in a cool room (50F/10C).*
- *Beware of walking on lawns hard with frost: blackened footsteps will take some time to disappear.*
- *Established fruit trees (except stone fruits) may have dead and diseased wood cut out, together with any misplaced crossing branches.*

TO ADVERTISE
CALL: 0171 481 1982
FAX: 0171 481 9313

HOMES & GARDENS

TO ADVERTISE
CALL: 0171 481 1982
FAX: 0171 481 9313

ZAP A NEW GUARDIAN GARAGE DOOR

No more heaving, pushing or lifting, now with a mere touch of a button your Guardian Remote Control Garage Door simply rolls up and away, while you stay warm and dry in the comfort of your car. Manufactured in maintenance free stove enamelled aluminium in a range of colours and fully installed, they will prove to be a sound investment and an attractive addition to your home.

AFFORDABLE LUXURY WITH SECURITY IN MIND

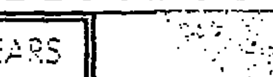
SEND IN THIS COUPON FOR FREE COLOUR BROCHURE

Guardian Garage Doors,
Freepost HF3 118
Huddersfield, HD3 3LL

MR/MRS/MS
TELEPHONE
ADDRESS
POSTCODE
TT13/1

OR FOR FREE NO OBLIGATION COLOUR BROCHURE PHONE NOW: 01484 461010 UPTO 9PM - 7 DAYS A WEEK

GUARDIAN REMOTE CONTROL GARAGE DOORS



Orchids! All you need!...
Where to see and buy them, and how to grow them.
For a free guide send two 1st class stamps to:
British Orchid Growers Association, 38 Florence Road,
College Town, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 4QD.

CONQUER BATH TIME FEARS WITH Churchill's Bathlift

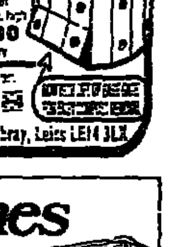
1. Full 3 year no quibble guarantee.
2. No plumbing work required.
3. No electrical work required.
4. Sit safely and securely in the bath.
5. Can be lifted out easily for normal use.

NATIONWIDE SERVICE

Lift the Problem of Baths with Churchill's Bathlifts.

NAME
ADDRESS
POSTCODE
TELEPHONE TT13/01
Churchill's Stairlifts plc, FREEPOST WA 1905, Prestwood Court, Leacroft Road, Warrington, Cheshire WA3 6BR

PHONE FREE ON [illegible]
AND ASK FOR CHRISTINE or ANN FOR YOUR FREE HOME DEMONSTRATION
7 DAYS A WEEK
9AM - 6PM or fill in the FREEPOST coupon.



COMPOST BINS AT A FRACTION OF THE PRICE YOU COULD PAY FOR BINS OF THIS CAPACITY

Quickly rots kitchen and garden waste into rich organic compost- keeps the garden tidy too!

STANDARD	LARGE	KING SIZE
£15.00	£17.50	£22.00

[illegible] ARDENCO LTD. (Dept TCM)
7a Wood Hill Industries, Old Dalby, Melton Mowbray, Leics LE14 3LX

Agriframes

FRUIT CAGES

FREE BROCHURE & NET SAMPLES
Agriframes Ltd.
Brochure 3868
Charlwoods Rd. East Grinstead.
Sussex RH19 2HG Ring 01342 328644 (24 hours)

The Treske Shop

TEL: (01845) 522000

FILING CABINETS £49 inc VAT
A4 SIZE
2 for £89 inc VAT
Wise 1
FREE
Tel: 01227 781111

BUY DIRECT!
TRADITIONAL LEATHER AND CABINET FURNITURE

TV/VIDEO CABINET
£249
inc. VAT

Send for colour brochure. Full range of traditional leather and cabinet furniture.
Lancashire Reproductions Ltd.
Freephone 0800-137621

VINTAGE CONSERVATORIES LTD

JANUARY WINTER SAVERS (ONLY 20 places)
At least £2,000 genuinely OFF all Fully Built Conservatories in UPVC (BS 7413) or Traditional Quality Hardwood.
TEL: 0121 444 7619 for reservations, price guide or computer drawings.
For Brochure - Post Free:
Vintage Conservatories, Freepost (BM 6617) Birmingham B30 1BR

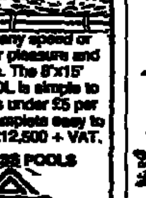
Name:
Address:
Tel:
tt13/1

The Apple Orchard Trading Co.
High St,
West Wycombe,
Bucks
Tel: 01494 528328

Oak Dining Tables from £799

Winter Sale
UP TO 50% OFF

Antix, Batheaston, Tudor Oak.



SWIM AT HOME

Keep Fit By Exercising Against A Smooth Current

Adjustable to any speed or ability. Ideal for pleasure and rehabilitation. The 8'x15' ENDLESS POOL is simple to maintain, costs under £5 per week to run. Complete easy to install system £12,500 + VAT.

Call ENDLESS POOLS

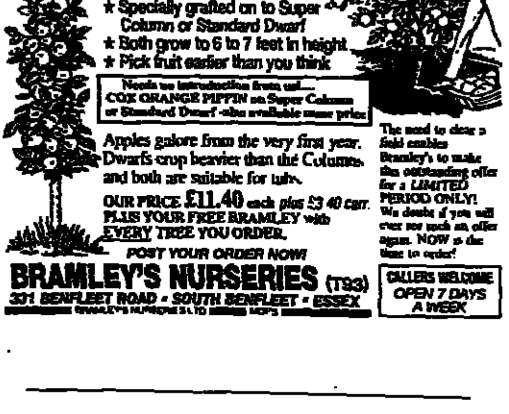
01420 561266 or
Fax 01420 561277

Quality Bulbs Established Supplier

SNOWDROPS IN THE GREEN

Single Snowdrops	£3 per 50	£6 per 100
Double Snowdrops	£4 per 50	£8 per 100
Aconites	£4 per 25	£7 per 50
Miniature Daffodils	£4 per 25	
Snowflakes	£4 per 10	
Bluebells	£3 per 50	

All bulbs freshly lifted for each order. Please add £1 towards p&p. Cheques & Postal Orders to: A.Brown, A.B. Nursery, Dept TT, 27 Westmead Avenue, Wisbech, Cambs. PE13 2SL. Tel: 01945 65310



FREE! BRAMLEY APPLE TREE (THE WORLD'S BEST COOKING APPLE) WITH EVERY GOLDEN DELICIOUS or COX ORANGE PIPPIN you order at only £11.40 each...
This saves £1 on our Price List, and together with your FREE BRAMLEY TREE makes a total saving of over £13.
BOTH VARIETIES AVAILABLE ON SUPER COLUMN OR STANDARD DWARF

PICK GOLDEN DELICIOUS FROM YOUR OWN GARDEN
The LUXURY APPLE from abroad that conquered Britain.
★ Specially grafted on to Super Column or Standard Dwarf
★ Both grow to 6 to 7 feet in height
★ Pick fruit earlier than you think

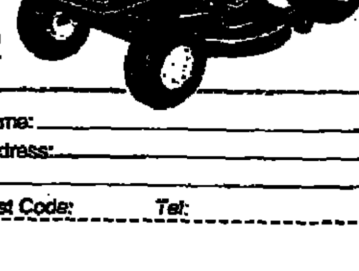
Needs no introduction from us!... COX ORANGE PIPPIN on Super Column or Standard Dwarf - also available same price

Apples galore from the very first year. Dwarfs crop heavier than the Columns and both are suitable for tubs.
OUR PRICE £11.40 each plus £3.40 carr. PLUS YOUR FREE BRAMLEY with EVERY TREE YOU ORDER.
POST YOUR ORDER NOW!

The need to clear a field enables Bramley's to make this outstanding offer for a LIMITED PERIOD ONLY! We doubt if you will ever see such an offer again. NOW is the time to order!

BRAMLEY'S NURSERIES (T93)
331 BENFLEET ROAD • SOUTH BENFLEET • ESSEX

CALLERS WELCOME OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK



LAWNFLITE garden machinery
better quality... better value... by far

for ...Welsh, Irish, Scottish, English gardeners and gardens, big or small, – we have a tractor to suit them all.
Ask for a demonstration of the 600 or 900 compact tractors with 30" or 40" wide cut and experience the big performance of the 'direct collect' grass and leaf collection in wet or dry conditions, Plus! ..the exclusive automatic transmission offering unrivalled comfort, manoeuvrability and safety.

Garden Tractors £999 to £2495 INC. VAT

FREEPHONE 0800 616433
QUOTE REF. NO. TT1

Lawnflite Ltd, FREEPOST OF627, Launton Rd, Bicester, Oxford OX6 0UR
Please send me FREE brochure ☐
Please arrange a FREE demonstration ☐
Name:
Address:
Post Code: Tel: TT1

AT LAST *The bath lift that allows you to lie down in your own bath.*

With Bath-Knight, getting in and out of the bath could not be easier. Lie right back and enjoy your own bath – without obstructions.

The retractable band returns to the unit leaving the bath totally free for others.

Hygienic, safe and practical, Bath-Knight operates at the touch of a button with no heavy contraption to lift or clean. And it fits all baths, including spa baths.

Thousands of customers, impressed by the reliability and quality, have been enjoying their own bath, night after night, year after year.

Bath-Knight is only available direct from the manufacturers.

For a FREE colour brochure or further information, call our FREE Careline today on 0500 223442.

Or send this coupon (no stamp required) to: Bath-Knight, FREEPOST (ST1984), Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 6BR
Mr/Mrs/Ms
Address
Postcode Telephone TT

BRITISH MADE

هكزا من الأصل

Facing the wrong way and neglected for six years, one newly restored garden is open to the public

Nature constrained, not subdued

A few yards from Ruskin's View in Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, one of the steepest gardens in England has been restored. This year the garden will be open to the public for the first time in its own right.

Set in Lakeland scenery admired by Wordsworth, Turner and Ruskin, Church Brow Cottage commands breathtaking views. Its east-facing garden slopes precipitously down to the river Lune. The relationship between the garden and the surrounding landscape of water, pasture and fells has been dramatically enhanced by a restoration scheme started in 1992. Appropriately, the philosophy and method of restoration has been achieved according to Ruskin's principle: "Nature constrained but not subdued."

The Vivat Trust, an historic buildings preservation charity, acquired the leasehold of Church Brow Cottage in 1992. The 1830s Gothic-style summerhouse at the centre of the site was restored for holiday lets in 1993. The garden, which had been neglected for six years, had run wild. The trees and shrubs had grown riotously. The original zig-zag pathways, essential on a slope of such severity, were impenetrable, and weeds were rampant.

Wendy Anderson, a local gardener, was the inspired choice to undertake the restoration. Coming from a family of Lake District gardeners, working with nature is instinctive. "This garden faces the wrong way, suffers from raging winds, there's no sunshine after 2pm, it has bad access, and you are up against the weeds." Within this challenging setting, she has applied entirely organic methods.

The Vivat Trust also enlisted the help of Dr Rodney Gallagher, a garden historian and local GP, to produce a new plan. His design distinguished between a formal Italianate upper terrace on a level with the summerhouse, and a transition, through a series of steep paths, to more natural growth at river level to lead the eye easily into the Lakeland landscape beyond.

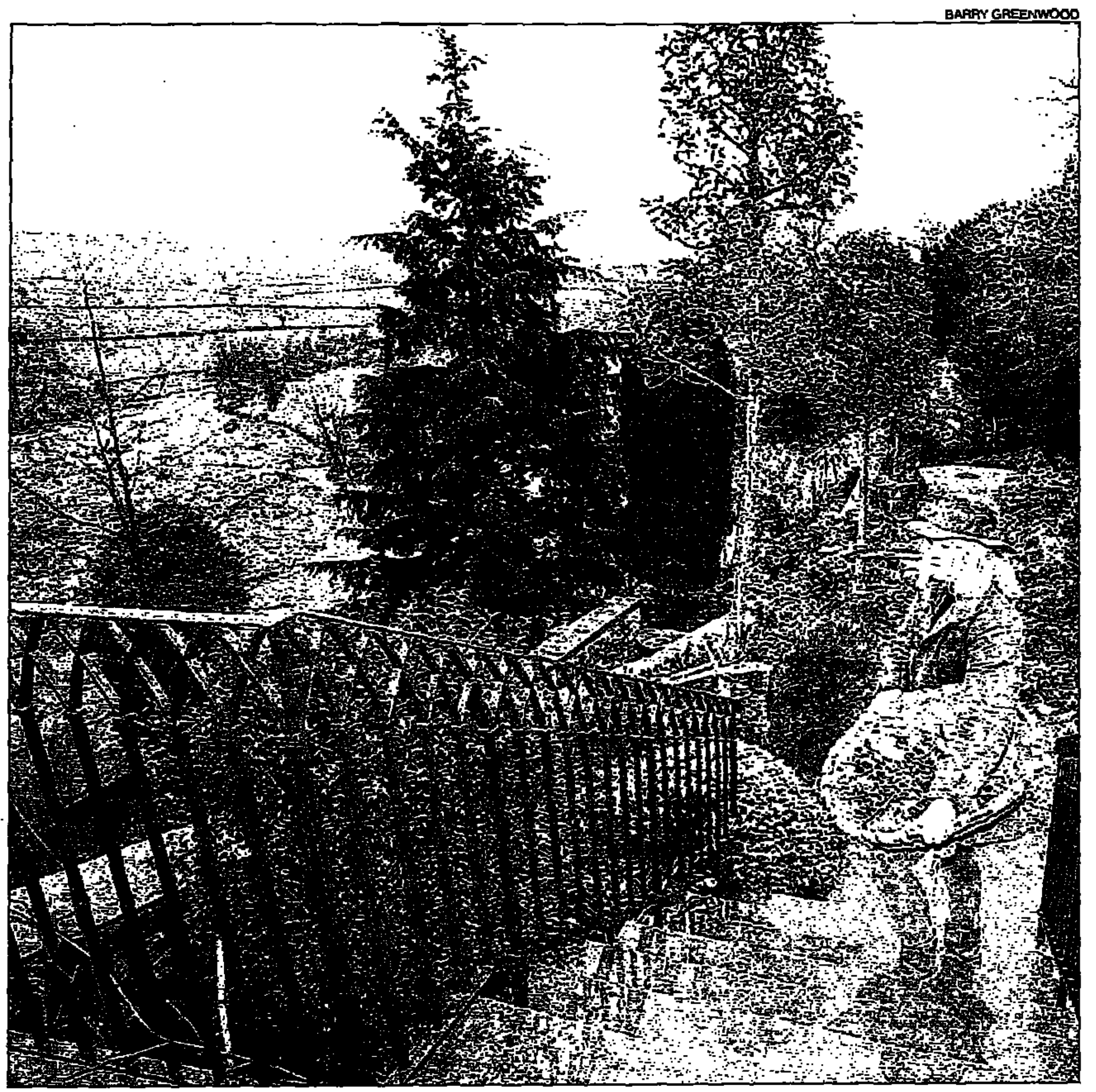
Ms Anderson shared the desire to keep the atmosphere of a natural sanctuary, birds and insects included, in the bottom half of the garden. Dr Gallagher's extensive list for replanting, including the importation of three privets (standard *Ligustrum japonicum*) from Italy, has also provided the starting point for Ms Anderson's subsequent work.

"I intimidated the garden," says Ms Anderson, talking about the organic suppression of weeds and unwanted shrubs. "I would never use herbicides — poisons — in a garden. So much care went into finding the appropriate materials for restoring the cottage, why shouldn't one take the same care with a garden? So I put down carpet to suppress weeds." Layers of carpet or newspapers and hay were laid on paths and beds for three months. If plants were worth saving they were replanted elsewhere.

> 'If the plants are sick, I coddle them'

In other areas, especially on paths, Ms Anderson has used a combination of layers of woven plastic (phormisol) and wood chippings. She repeatedly dug through the soil to attack the overpowering weed species. Despite the view that weed suppressors should be left for a couple of seasons at least, Ms Anderson's plan seems to have worked. She faced ground elder, dock, petasites, ivy, rosebay, willowherb, thistles, nettles, sycamore tree seedlings and, a particular hate of hers, creeping buttercup.

"In some very steep, shady areas where ground elder was too invasive, I used yellow loosestrife. The ground elder couldn't catch its breath.


BARRY GREENWOOD

Wendy Anderson near Church Brow Cottage, Cumbria. The garden is one of the steepest in England

Plants are like children. If they are sick, it worries me. I coddle or move them," Ms Anderson says. Tonnes of horse manure have been put onto the beds of the upper terrace, which were badly in need of fertiliser. She also uses regular tonics of bonemeal, seaweed and comfrey.

The formal upper terrace now has two packed beds divided by a gravel walkway. They are full of fragrant plants such as sweet rocket, borage and the "everlasting" white-flowered *Anaphalis triplinervis*. One of her favourites is mallow — *Malva moschata* with its rose-pink, saucer-shaped flowers. The three standard *Ligustrum japonicum* emphasise the architectural quality of the terrace. A strawberry tree (*Arbutus andrachnoides*), planted by the Prince of Wales in 1993, flourishes. Roses, such as 'Félicité Perpétue' and 'Ispahan', and holly (Pernyi) add to the formality.

The steepness of the garden has meant that, away from the terracing, Ms Anderson has used young plants, so that their roots can adapt to the conditions. Because of the gradient, the stony soil is well-drained. It was assumed that the soil at river level would be damp and boggy. Ms Anderson says not: "The gunnera that I planted always needs extra watering." She has built a wooden stockade to establish a new bed which is the site for a *Rosa* 'Cerise Bouquet' and a bushy-headed *Clerodendrum trichotomum* whose fragrant white flowers are followed by decorative blue berries. A circular route through the woodland area using pine log steps has increased access to the bottom part of the garden. Under the fern-like leaves of a *Sorbus vilmorinii* and a magnificent example of the tree *Cornus kousa* var. *chinensis*, which bears strawberry-like fruits, country plants such as campions, meadowsweet and foxgloves flourish. In the river-level garden, heavy with rhododendrons and azaleas, Japanese anemones, daffodils, hellebores and endless varieties of geranium shelter. A nut walk is planned among the mature trees and solid evergreens. A quickthorn hedge, interplanted with wild rose and honeysuckle, marks the southern boundary of the garden. Beyond is a manicured orchard of apple trees. The restoration programme at Church Brow was recognised last year by a national Civic Trust award. Ruskin would surely have approved. In 1875 he wrote: "The valley of the Lune in Kirby is one of the loveliest scenes in England — and therefore the world."

SOPHIE WHITE

Ms Anderson uses layers of carpet to kill weeds

FACT BOX

- *In 1996, Church Brow Cottage will be open to the public on June 15 and 16, and by appointment with the Vivat Trust (0171-930 2212; fax: 0171-930 2295). Church Brow Cottage can be rented for £310-£355 per week.*
- *Information on organic gardening: Henry Doubleday Research Association, Ryton Gardens, Coventry CV8 3LG (01203 303517).*
- *Gardener and designer Wendy Anderson can be contacted at Angel Cottage, 4 Vicarage Lane, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria LA6 2BA.*

GARDEN ANSWERS

STEPHEN ANDERTON
replies to readers' letters

Q I have an 11-year-old flowering cherry tree which produces lots of fruit. Unfortunately the bark is split in various places on the trunk, and the leaves bear dark spots. It is obviously diseased, but I would hate to cut it down. — *Mrs E. M. Suryn, Kingston upon Thames, southwest London.*

A Your tree is affected by bacterial canker, which can cause limbs to die back in severe infections. It is not easy to control on large trees. The disease makes spots on the leaves in summer, and then transfers to the bark via wounds and leaf scars in autumn and winter. Control, in so far as it is effective, is by spraying the leaves with Bordeaux mixture in spring to control spotting, and again in August and October. If your tree is as badly affected as it sounds, removal may be simpler than control.

Q Some years ago I planted the purple filbert, *Corylus maxima* 'Purpurea', which flourished until I had to move it. Since then it has become a leggy and dull green hedgerow hazel. Is this shrub prone to reversion? — Mr D. Shiels, Gloucester.

A No, it does not revert, but, where light is insufficient, is becomes a dreary greenish purple. Perhaps you have put it in too much shade? The legginess suggests it. Try it in more light, and cut it down to the ground to grow again. The colour of the new shoots should be spectacularly rosy purple. As a rule of thumb, all purple shrubs should be grown in full light if they are to retain their colouring properly.

Q I was given a plant of *Osteospermum* 'Whirligig' in July which established well in the garden but only got round to flowering in October as the frosts arrived. I have taken cuttings for next year, but how should I ensure the flowers come earlier? — Miss B. Denham, Wembley, northwest London.

A This is a most attractive osterospermum, with daisy flowers whose individual rays are crimped in the middle. It is, unfortunately, a short-day plant, and it flowers more willingly in the spring and autumn. In high summer it rests. There are other osteospermums which do this too; notably the vibrantly coloured 'Tresco Purple'. Both are delightful flowers, but plant them where they are required to perform only at the end of the season. You do right to take cuttings. This variety is far from hardy, whereas *Osteospermum jucundum* and 'Lady Leitrim' withstand all but the worst winters out of doors.

- *Readers wishing to have gardening problems answered should write to: Garden Answers, Weekend,* The Times, *1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN. We regret that few personal answers can be given and that it may not be possible to deal with every request. Advice is offered without legal responsibility.* The Times *regrets that enclosures accompanying letters cannot be returned.*

When it comes to the crunch

> The secret of a good gravel path is in its foundations

THERE'S nothing to beat the texture of a well laid and well maintained gravel path, scrunching underfoot like a layer of cornflakes. There is always the temptation to turn slowly on one's heel, or the ball of the foot, and listen to the grains of stone grinding. But the scrunch factor depends entirely on the thickness of the gravel, the size of the stones, and what they are laid on. Choose these carefully and you should get what you want.

Gravel paths or drives with a very thick layer of loose gravel on top, perhaps 1-2in, take a lot of maintenance. The idea of a thick luxurious layer may be appealing, but it always bears the marks and channels of the last pair of feet or tyres; it needs frequent raking to make it look good; and it moves too much to be comfortable when you walk on it. This is the thickness of gravel which you could sculpt and texture in a Japanese garden, for ornament.

Half an inch of loose gravel is usually plenty, as long as it is on a hard base. It is little enough not to be too marked by use, and sufficient to look and sound an adequate covering. If the base is the same colour as the gravel, you can sometimes get away with less than half an inch, using a fine gravel. But beware of trying to cover up a base of one colour with a gravel of another. Bits of the base will rise to the surface, and, of course, skid marks will show the colour of the lower layer. Tarmac is especially difficult to hide with gravel, and is better removed. Alternatively it can be sprayed with tar and a layer of the new colour rolled well in, before a loose top dressing or gravel is applied.

The ideal base for gravel is a 6in layer of a heavier version of the same colour stone, rolled and compressed until hard. This base material will comprise stones perhaps 2-3in across, but it will also contain every size down to dust. This helps the material to bind together to form a solid layer. The better the base preparation, the less problem there will be with weeds. Hoggin is the name often given to this material. On top of this goes the surface gravel. Be sure you know the composition of the gravel you buy. Some will contain powdered stone as well as particles up to the official size, say 6mm or 10mm. Or it can be top-size particles alone. Gravel including dust will set somewhat after it has been laid, and give a firmer, smoother surface, but it will also be dirtier in wet weather, and the dust will rise in clouds in dry, windy weather. Single-size gravel will be cleaner and stay looser, if that is what is required. On the down side, it tends to wash away more easily on slopes.

There are times when a coarser gravel can be more attractive. A couple of years ago I gravelled the area under a new pergola in my garden. The house is in countryside in the middle of nowhere and I did not want anything smart or sophisticated. Finally I chose a river gravel, of rounded stones, from 2in-3in down to about 1in. The colours were a mixture of browns and beige. In a space contained by wall and lawn, where the gravel cannot move sideways, it does not shift underfoot even in a 9in layer. And there has not been a weed to be seen: it is effectively a stone mulch. Not even sycamores manage to germinate in it, and there is a tree right behind. I put down the same gravel where my car stands, on the basis that it is better not to introduce more types of hard surface into a garden than is necessary. It helps to unify it. It is also cheaper to use one material, as small quantities come much more expensive than larger ones.

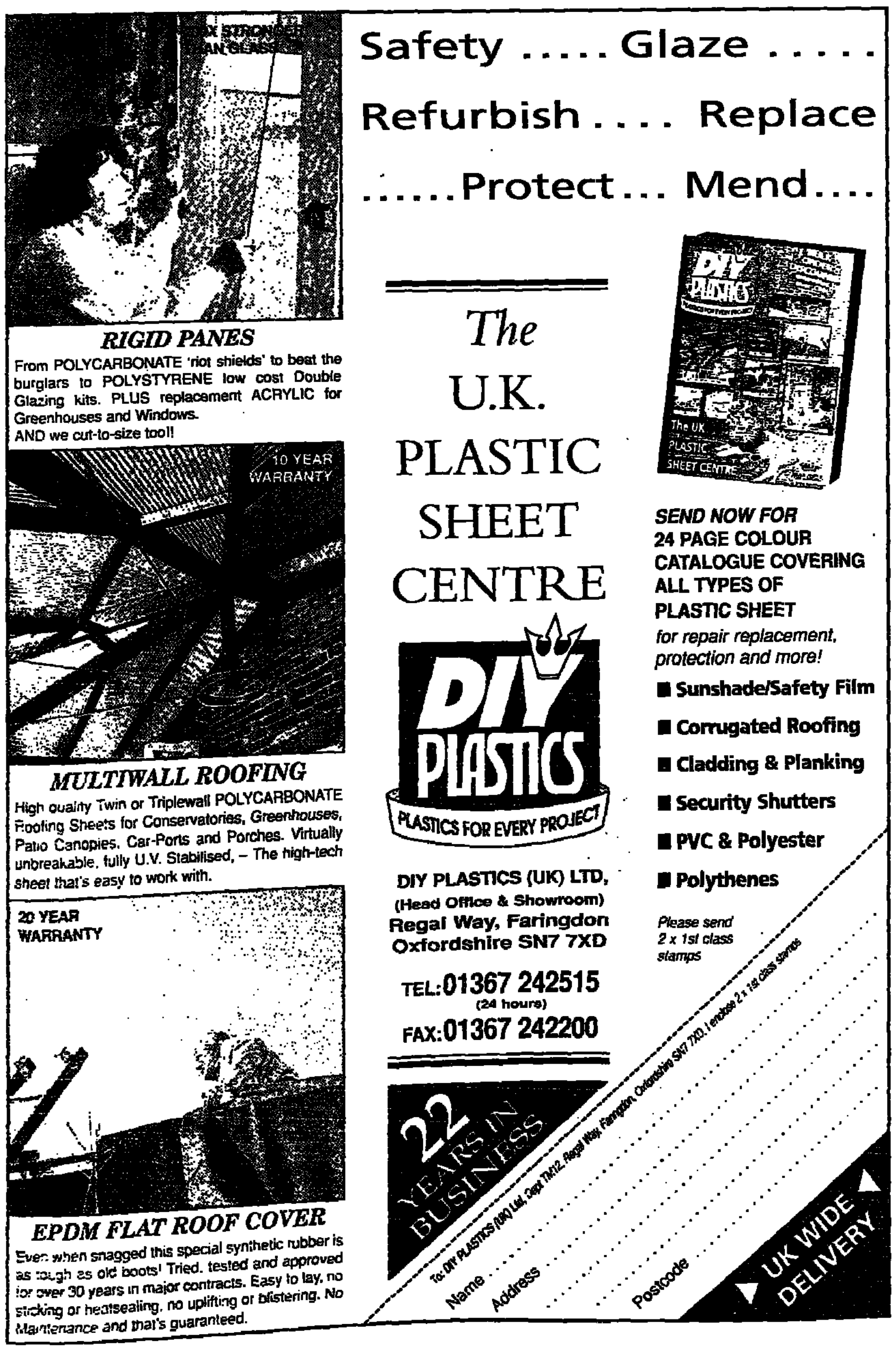
If you think you can use a few tonnes of gravel rather than a few bags (and a few tonnes is only a heap the size of Mini), see what your nearest quarry can offer. Nearest is almost always cheapest with gravel, since so much of the final cost is transport. Visit the quarry perhaps — they are exciting places — and look at colours; decide between sharp, crushed gravels or rounded, river gravels. Be wary of expensive gravels tailor-made for landscaping, which can be three times the price of almost identical products intended for construction use.

IF YOU work out what volume you need (multiply the depth by the area), the quarry will tell you how many tonnes are required. Do ask for a lorry small enough to fit your driveway. When my river gravel came, the turn was too tight and the driver had to drop it in the gateway. I had ordered six tonnes, enough to move with a barrow in a couple of hours. The driver pulled the lever, and the lorry disgorged, and disgorged and disgorged! "You're lucky mate," he grinned. "There must be ten tonnes there and you're only paying for six. The quarry chute's not accurate enough for small quantities."

The trouble was, my car was the wrong side of the heap, and I had two children to collect from school in an hour. I had a busy afternoon.

STEPHEN ANDERTON

HOMES & GARDENS


Safety ..... Glaze .....
Refurbish .... Replace
......Protect ... Mend....

RIGID PANES
From POLYCARBONATE 'riot shields' to beat the burglars to POLYSTYRENE low cost Double Glazing kits. PLUS replacement ACRYLIC for Greenhouses and Windows.
AND we cut-to-size too!!

10 YEAR WARRANTY

MULTIWALL ROOFING
High quality Twin or Triplewall POLYCARBONATE Roofing Sheets for Conservatories, Greenhouses, Patio Canopies, Car-Ports and Porches. Virtually unbreakable, fully U.V. Stabilised, – The high-tech sheet that's easy to work with.

20 YEAR WARRANTY

EPDM FLAT ROOF COVER
Even when snagged this special synthetic rubber is as tough as old boots! Tried, tested and approved for over 30 years in major contracts. Easy to lay, no sticking or heatsealing, no uplifting or blistering. No Maintenance and that's guaranteed.

The U.K. PLASTIC SHEET CENTRE

DIY PLASTICS
PLASTICS FOR EVERY PROJECT

DIY PLASTICS (UK) LTD,
(Head Office & Showroom)
Regal Way, Faringdon
Oxfordshire SN7 7XD
TEL: 01367 242515
(24 hours)
FAX: 01367 242200

22 YEARS IN BUSINESS

SEND NOW FOR 24 PAGE COLOUR CATALOGUE COVERING ALL TYPES OF PLASTIC SHEET
for repair replacement, protection and more!
- Sunshade/Safety Film
- Corrugated Roofing
- Cladding & Planking
- Security Shutters
- PVC & Polyester
- Polythenes

Please send 2 x 1st class stamps

To: DIY PLASTICS (UK) Ltd, Dept TK12, Regal Way, Faringdon, Oxfordshire SN7 7XD. I enclose 2 x 1st class stamps
Name
Address
Postcode

UK WIDE DELIVERY

OVERSEAS BROCHURES 1996

ALGARVE VILLAS WITH POOLS

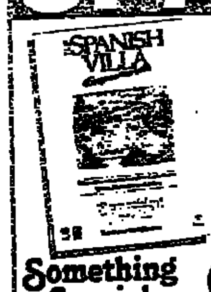
World's Best Choice - with almost 200 hand-picked Villas with Pools
- ■ Unbeatable direct-sell value
- ■ Expert personal service
- ■ Most airports or rental only

Free Car Hire or Insurance Limited Offer - Call Now Save up to £250

EXPRESS SERVICE 01992 500 800

① Something Special Travel Ltd ABTA V5342 ATOL 2138 AITO

SPAIN VILLAS WITH POOLS



The Best of the Costa Blanca, Javea, Moraira, Jalon & Altea
- ■ Unrivalled choice & value
- ■ 2-12 people ■ No surcharges
- ■ Most airports or rental only
- ■ '96 supplement now available

Free Car Hire or Insurance Limited Offer - Call Now Save up to £250

EXPRESS SERVICE 01992 500 800

② Something Special Travel Ltd ABTA V5342 ATOL 2138 AITO

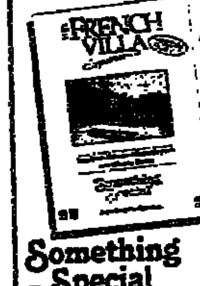
FLORIDA VILLAS WITH POOLS

Superb choice of Villas with Pools in Orlando and the best of the Gulf Coast
- ■ Unbeatable direct-sell value
- ■ Tailormade, with flights or rental only
- ■ Car hire, insurance
- ■ Expert personal service

EXPRESS SERVICE 01992 500 800

③ Something Special Travel Ltd ABTA V5342 ATOL 2138 AITO

FRANCE VILLAS WITH POOLS



The Finest Choice in the Dordogne, Provence, Cote d'Azur & S. W. Coast
- ■ Includes Chateaux, Manoirs & Watermills
- ■ No surcharges guaranteed
- ■ 200 villas for 2-25 people

Book now for Free Personal Insurance and save up to £250

EXPRESS SERVICE 01992 500 800

④ Something Special Travel Ltd ABTA V5342 ATOL 2138 AITO

CORFU VILLAS WITH POOLS

Charming Villas in delightful seaside villages well off the beaten track
- ■ Largest choice of villas with pools
- ■ Unrivalled direct-sell value
- ■ Expert personal service

Free Car Hire or Insurance Limited Offer - Call Now Save up to £250

EXPRESS SERVICE 01992 500 800

⑤ Something Special Travel Ltd ABTA V5342 ATOL 2138 AITO

VILLA WITH POOL HOLIDAYS, YOUR BEST CHOICE FOR QUALITY AND DIRECT-SELL VALUE

FRENCH COTTAGES ⑥

From award-winning VFB Holidays, a hand-picked selection of character cottages in all the loveliest regions of rural France.

Choose from a portfolio of hundreds of unique properties, from period beamed farmhouses to immaculate modern gîtes. For a touch of luxury, many of the properties have pools.

For more details send for the brochure.

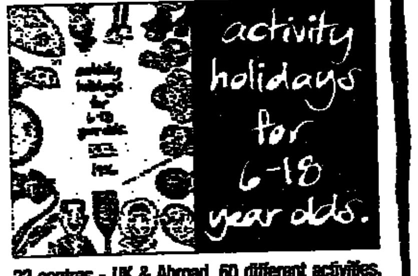
AITO (01242) 240 310

CAYMAN ISLANDS - WITH CARIBBEAN CONNECTION ⑦

On the Cayman Islands discover beaches so beautiful they seem surreal, and international standards of luxury and service from £894 per person.

To discover Caribbean Connection's Caribbean-wide portfolio call 01244 329556. Please quote: STBP7/1

PGL ADVENTURE


activity holidays for 6-18 year olds.

22 centres - UK & Abroad. 60 different activities. ABTA, BAHA & AITO members. Trained, friendly staff.

Call free on 0500 749147 for a 1996 brochure ⑧

⑨ AMERICA & CANADA TOURING

From the glaciers of Alaska to the canyons of Arizona, the snow-capped peaks of the Rockies to the fall foilage of New England, Jetsave covers the length and breadth of America - and nobody does it better!

For your FREE brochure, phone

01233 211777

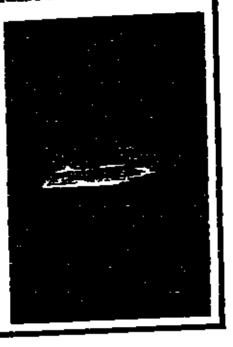
see your travel agent, or complete the response panel.

ABTA: V2448 ATOL: 1238 IATA

SILVERSEA CRUISES ⑩

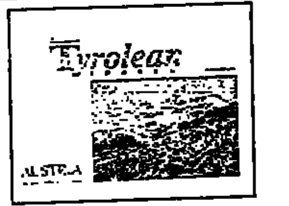
The ultimate, all-inclusive travel experience

Step aboard *Silver Cloud* or her sister ship *Silver Wind* and enter a world of relaxed elegance, gracious service, and an unrivalled standard in ultra-luxury travel, as you cruise the seven seas and beyond form £2,455.



Telephone:
0171 729 1929
Facsimile:
0171 613 0504
Please quote ST1

TYROLEAN TRAVEL



The Specialists to Austria for over 40 years - most hotel prices lower than last year!

Featuring many of Austria's finest hotels in picturesque traditional villages. Travel from 9 UK airports on Wednesday & Saturdays.

FOR FREE COLOUR BROCHURE CALL 0181 780 4435 (24hrs) ⑪

Imagine snorkelling amongst the breathtaking beauty of the Barrier Reef.

Or watching the everchanging colour of Ayers Rock at sunset.

The country you've just let your mind wander to is only a day away. Fill in the reader reply coupon for a free Travellers Guide.

And let yourself go. ⑫

FLEXIBLE CITY BREAK HOLIDAYS

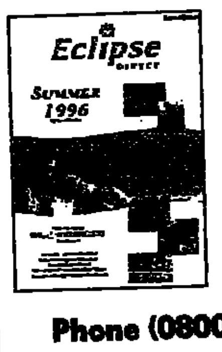
For an exciting programme of holidays for the more independent traveller, the new EUROBREAK brochure for Nov. 95-Oct. 96 is now available, featuring:
- Cities * Sunshine resorts * Country chateaux * Skiing * Cruises * Fly-Drive * Hotel only.
- Over 80 cities in Europe, North America and Middle East.
- Daily departures for any duration from over 20 airports, plus Eurostar and self-drive.
- Free nights, competitive prices, Avis car rental and much more.

Telephone: 0181 780 7700 for reservations or contact your local ABTA travel agent. ⑬

⑭

Luxury Villa Holidays in the Canaries, Algarve and Spain
For full colour brochure
Telephone JAMES VILLA HOLIDAYS
01732 840846
Established since 1984 Fully bonded ATOL 2730

⑮



Eclipse Direct offers the best choice and value to the Tropics and Mediterranean. One call gets a brochure, another call and your holiday is booked. What could be easier?

Phone (0800) 773 774

and quote STI 02 for your copy.

THE ULTIMATE COLLECTION

Winter & Summer 1995/6

100 glorious pages of 4 & 5 star hotels and apartments throughout Gibraltar, Malta, Gozo, Comino, Morocco, Cyprus, Tunisia, Madeira, Marbella and La Manga. Daily scheduled flights. Fabulous OAP discounts. Departures from Gatwick, Heathrow and Manchester.

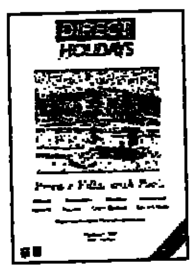
FREEPHONE
⑯ 0800 591281

NORWAY ⑰
- THE MAGNIFICENT FJORD COUNTRY

Color Line, Norway's largest ferry company offer a wide range of exciting holiday options - Motoring and Chalet Holidays, Escorted Coach Tours, 4 Day Sea Breaks and the famous Norwegian Coastal Voyage. Regular sailings from Newcastle.

Wake up to Norway - for Information Pack telephone 01443 339831

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE PRIVATE VILLAS



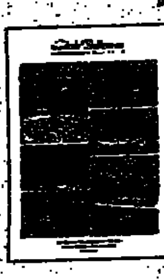
Cut out the travel agent, book Direct and make great savings on personally selected private villas (the majority with pools) in Florida, The Algarve, The Balearics, The Canary Islands, Costa Blanca and Greece.

For a free brochure phone ⑱
0181 785 2222.

WAKE UP TO THE REAL GREECE ⑲

Escape the hustle and bustle of the 20th Century to charming villages on Lesvos, Crete, Lefkada, Halki and Zakynthos. Enjoy the fun loving Lindos and Pefkos on Rhodes or Parga. Our traditional villas and apartments are a world, and a phone call away. For a free brochure phone 0181 785 1234.

PUERTO POLLENSA
Majorca



A superb choice of beautiful countryside villas with private pools, apartments and hotels in one of the most picturesque spots in the Mediterranean - the unspoilt north coast of Majorca.

Summer 96 brochure now available. ⑳

Tel: 01903 230128 (24 Hrs)

Beautiful villas and countryside farmhouses with private pools, apartments and hotels. Summer 1996 colour brochure now available. ABTA No V4424X

Telephone number 01903 234024 (24 hrs). ㉑

ILIOS ISLAND HOLIDAYS

Our personal choice of distinctive & unusual country houses in wonderful locations in Italy and Spain. Traditional Ottoman style houses & quiet cruises in Turkey; family villas, cottages & apartments in the Greek Islands and unspoilt Pelion.

01403 259788 (24hr) ㉒

ABTA V2024 AITO ATOL 1452

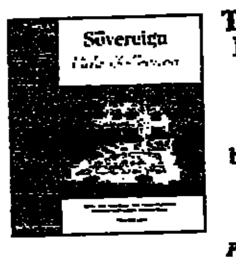
NORWAY AND ICELAND ㉓

Spectacular scenery away from the crowds!

- Fjord Cruises
- Escorted tours
- Walking holidays
- Fly-drives
- The Norwegian Coastal Voyage
- Plus Denmark, Sweden & Finland

BROCHURE LINE:
0181 880 8118 (24 HRS)
Please quote ref: TIM 08
First Choice Holidays and Flights Ltd.
ABTA V1549 ATOL 230

PRIVATE VILLAS WITH POOLS ㉔



The Algarve, the Mediterranean and beyond.

For a copy of our Summer 96 brochure please call

0181 880 8118 (24 hrs)

Please quote ref: STI 05

ABTA V1549 ATOL 230

Kingsland offer a superb range of 400 quality villas and farmhouses throughout seventeen beautiful regions of coastal and inland France. We are renowned for our personal service and excellent value on villas and travel. Fully AITO bonded.

Telephone: 01752 670067

㉕

Private Villas of quality and comfort for small and large parties. All have pools and some have tennis courts. Rents from £1.500 to £5.000 per week. 01494 812002

ATOL 164 ABTA V2857 ㉖

CAYMAN ISLANDS

The exotic and peaceful British Crown Colony in the Caribbean. Ideal for relaxation, diving and watersports. Weddings and honeymoons. British Airways fly twice weekly London Gatwick-Grand Cayman.

For brochure, call 0171-491 7771

㉗

㉘

Italy

From Renaissance cities to flower-filled lakeside retreats, from the rolling hills of Tuscany & Umbria to colourful seaside towns, Italy has a wealth of culture & countryside to explore.

Citalia, the UK's favourite Italian travel specialist with 65 years experience, offers a range of holiday ideas to suit everyone.

Call 01235 824354 for your 1996 Citalia Italy brochure

RENT SOME OF THE FINEST PRIVATE HOLIDAY HOMES IN EUROPE AND THE U.S.A.

- Villas with a pool - Luxury Apartments -
- Country Clubs -

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Algarve - Costa Del Sol - Tenerife
South Carolina - Florida

Leisures Estates International ㉚

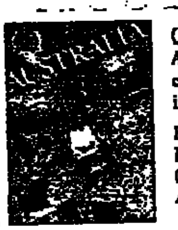
01858 433500

Unique Resorts in the Sun ㉛
France, Italy & Portugal

- ●Superb properties
- ●Private beaches
- ●Private golf course
- ●Excellent sporting facilities
- ●Complimentary "Scallywags Club" (Children 4-12 years)

Call for brochure: 0181 [illegible] 3300

AUSTRALIA ㉜



Quest Worldwide's 1996/7 Australia brochure is the complete guide to holidays in Australia.

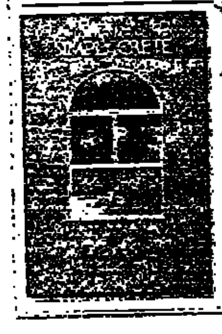
Everything from Hotels & Resorts, Cruises, Islands, City Stopovers to Tours & 4WD Adventures.

NEW for 1996.... Quest's Self Drive Brochure features 9 classic Australian journeys. From the Great Ocean Road to the Red Centre & beyond...

Call: 0181 547 3322

Quest Worldwide, 29 Castle St, Kingston, Surrey KT1 1ST

SIMPLY CRETE ㉝



THE CRETAN SPECIALISTS

Private villas and apartments, restored country cottages and friendly hotels in unspoilt locations throughout Crete, plus 'Island Wandering' and Special Interest Holidays. Friendly, personal service.

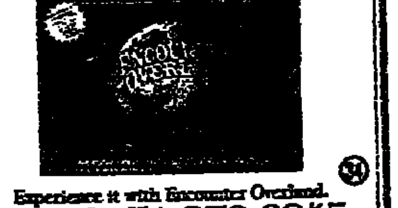
0181 995 9323

(24 hr brochure line)

ABTA V1337 ATOL 1922 AITO

Encounter Overland

Encounter Overland, founded over 30 years ago, are the experts in adventure and overland travel to Asia, Africa, South & Central America. Suited to those in their 20's to 40's who are seeking challenge and excitement on one of 44 different projects.



Experience it with Encounter Overland. ㉞

Call 0171 370 6845

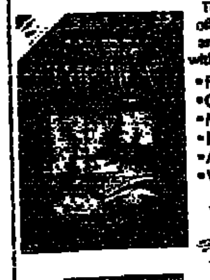
Villas with Pools

A range of upmarket villas with private pools, along with a choice of beachside apartments, are on offer in 12 European destinations to those booking a holiday with specialist operator European Villas (01223 314220). ㉟

Now in its 19th year of operation, the Cambridge-based company offers flights from most regional airports, generous child discounts, car hire and maid service.

ABTA V466X AITO ATOL 2270 EUROPEAN VILLAS

Delta Air Lines
㊱ HOLIDAYS & FLY-DRIVE



The complete North American book offering daily departures from London and Manchester to over 240 US cities with a range of holiday options including

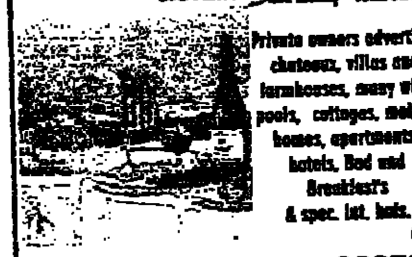
•Flights	•Resorts
•Car hire	•Cruises
•Motorhomes	•National Parks
•Hotels	•Free Tour guide
•Apartments	•Amtrak and much more
•Villas	

For further information & for our 1996 brochure see your local agent or contact airline main agent.

HERMES TRAVEL

LONDON 0171 731 3979 MANCHESTER 0161 339 6772

ABTA C0658 - IATA - ATOL 3939



Chez Nous '96

Save money - book Direct!

Private owners advertise: chateaux, villas and farmhouses, many with pools, cottages, mobile homes, apartments, hotels, Bed and Breakfast's & spec. int. hols. ㊲

All regions of France Tel: 01484 682503

NORTH CYPRUS & TURKEY specialist

NORTHERN CYPRUS: The unspoilt & uncommercialised gem of the Mediterranean - apartments, villas & hotels plus two- centre with Istanbul. The real TURKEY:

- *Beach holidays in the most charming small & peaceful resorts*
- *Istanbul City Breaks alone or Two Centre with N. Cyprus/Turkish beaches*
- *Gulet Cruises*
- *Taylor made holidays*
- *Special Interest Tours: Archaeological, Cultural, Biblical, Flowers*

All achieved at very competitive prices.

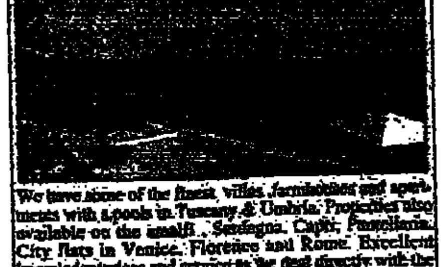
Call for full colour brochure

0121 633 4018

ANATOLIAN SKY HOLIDAYS

㊳ *ABTA 4957 ATOL 2672*

TUSCANY UMBRIA ㊴
COASTAL REGIONS IN ITALY



We have some of the finest villas, farmhouses and apartments with a pools in Tuscany & Umbria. Properties also available on the amalfi, Sardegna, Capri, Portofino. City flats in Venice, Florence and Rome. Excellent knowledge/prices and service as we deal directly with the owners and really know this beautiful country inside out.

TUSCANY NOW

TEL. 0171 272 5469. FAX 0171 272 6184

Open up a whole new world in just one call!

Featuring over 70 of the world's most desirable destinations. Call the experts direct at Travelplanners.

24 HR BROCHURE HOTLINE

0990 338 338

㊵ TRAVELPLANNERS

THE WORLDWIDE HOLIDAY COMPANY

هكذا من الأصل

صكنا من الأجل

Because we think the world of you ...

current best buys on the world's finest airlines

(excl. taxes)	one way from	return		one way from	return		one way from	return
SYDNEY	£339	£499	NEW YORK	£99	£170	JOHANNESBURG	£251	£418
PERTH	£325	£575	BOSTON	£129	£189	HARARE	£297	£495
AUCKLAND	£352	£638	FLORIDA	£179	£215	NAIROBI	£224	£299
BANGKOK	£209	£407	LOS ANGELES	£195	£271	CAIRO	£142	£235
HONG KONG	£290	£449	SAN FRANCISCO	£195	£271	DUBAI	£194	£275
SINGAPORE	£226	£424	TORONTO	£125	£225	RIO	£294	£489
BALI	£317	£545	VANCOUVER	£255	£326	PARIS	£62	£62
SAIGON	£330	£572	CARIBBEAN	£249	£285	AMSTERDAM	£69	£69
TOKYO	£315	£594	MEXICO CITY	£253	£352	GENEVA	£96	£96
DELHI	£226	£358	KATHMANDU	£265	£473	AROUND THE WORLD		£677

plus discounted quality accommodation per room per night from

AUSTRALIA £33 • USA £31 • AFRICA £41 • PACIFIC £39 • ASIA £31

USA CAR HIRE FROM £13 PER DAY • CALL NOW FOR OUR NEW NORTH AMERICA DIRECTORY

TRAILFINDERS

THE TRAVEL EXPERTS

New York - departures from many UK airports including Heathrow, Birmingham, Bristol, Glasgow and Manchester £170 return.
Accommodation from £30 per person per night.

Take to the skies - fly south this winter.
London - Brisbane - Sydney - Tokyo - London £638.

FLIGHTS • HOTELS • CAR HIRE • TRAVEL INSURANCE • TOURS • CRUISES • WORLDWIDE ITINERARIES

worldwide attention to detail

For the real lowdown on worldwide travel, Trailfinders is your one stop travel shop.
Trailfinders offers more low cost flights to more destinations than anyone. Experts in airfares since 1970, we can tailor-make your itinerary with up to 65% discount on hotels and car hire worldwide.

FOR YOUR FREE COPY OF THE TRAILFINDER MAGAZINE CALL 0171-938 3366 ANYTIME

ATOL 1458 IATA ABTA 69701

42-50 Earls Court Road • LONDON W8 6FT
Long Haul Flights 0171-938 3366
Transatlantic & European 0171-937 5400

194 Kensington High Street • LONDON W8 7RG
Long Haul Flights 0171-938 3939
Transatlantic & European: 0171-938 3232
First & Business Class 0171-938 3444

22-24 The Priory Queensway • BIRMINGHAM B4 6BS
Worldwide Flights. 0121-236 1234

48 Corn Street • BRISTOL BS1 1HQ
Worldwide Flights: 0117-929 9000

254-284 Sauchiehall Street • GLASGOW G2 3EH
Worldwide Flights 0141-353 2224

58 Deansgate • MANCHESTER M3 2FF
Worldwide Flights 0161-839 6969
First & Business Class. 0161-839 3434

Mon - Sat 9-6pm • Thurs 9-7pm • *Mon - Fri 9-7pm Jan & Feb • Sun 10-5pm (London & Manchester)

... people think the world of us!

FLIGHTBOOKERS

travelling freestyle

AMERICAS & EUROPE
0171 757 2000

WORLDWIDE
0171 757 2444

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND
0171 757 2468

FIRST & BUSINESS CLASS
0171 757 2500

ALSO AT GATWICK AIRPORT
01293 568 300
Open 7days
7am - 10pm

BROCHURE HOTLINE 0171 757 2206

Your one stop Travel Shop for
BRITISH AIRWAYS TRAVEL CLINIC
at our London address

Plus Substantial savings on: Scheduled Airlines • Car Hire • Hotels • Insurance • Bureau de Change • Tailor-made Itineraries • Overseas money transfers

OPEN 7 DAYS
118 & 177/178 Tottenham Court Road London W1P OLX.

ATOL 2562 IATA ABTA D0806

All fares are return flights, subject to availability, seasonal & regional supplements & taxes where applicable

Sydney	Fr £549	New York	Fr £169
Cairns	£625	Boston	£169
N. Zealand	£625	Los Angeles	£265
Singapore	£429	S. Francisco	£265
Bangkok	£429	Seattle	£280
Hong Kong	£449	Raleigh Durham	£190
Bali	£569	Las Vegas	£275
India	£358	Chicago	£270
Colombo	£439	New Orleans	£280
Dubai	£285	Denver	£280
Jo'burg	£429	Atlanta	£239
Harare	£485	Toronto	£239
Nairobi	£299	Vancouver	£330
Paris	£69	Rio De Janeiro	£485
Amsterdam	£79	Mexico City	£355

JO'BURG £1009rtn SPOUSE £505 BUSINESS CLASS

MIAMI £179 ORLANDO £199

Internet address http://www.flightbookers.co.uk E.Mail:flightbookers@dial.pipex.com

PETITS PRIX

AIR FRANCE

PARIS £69

NICE £96

LYONS £99

TOULOUSE £99

MARSEILLES £99

All fares listed are return from London, subject to availability and differing booking and travel periods. Passenger taxes apply. For full details of conditions and our Petits Prix to other worldwide destinations call Air France on 0181 742 6600 or contact your Travel Agent.

AUSTRALIA LOWEST FARES £399 RETURN

JANUARY SEAT SALE FROM MANCHESTER

PERTH........................18 Jan
ADELAIDE/MELBOURNE 21 Jan
SYDNEY/MELBOURNE...24 Jan

Flights with Britannia Airways.

LONDON 0171 734 7755
0171 838 1811
BOURNEMOUTH 01202 311488
BRISTOL 0117 927 7425
LEEDS 0113 244 8880
MANCHESTER 0161 832 2445

AUSTRAVEL
50 Conduit Street, London W1.

Offers subject to availability. Taxes excluded. Agents for Airlink International Ltd. ATOL No. 1057.

AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

For the holiday of a lifetime

- Lowest airfares to Australia & New Zealand
- HOTELS ○ TOURS ○ CAR & CAMPER HIRE
- CRUISES, ISLANDS, OUTBACK & REEF TRIPS
- FREE hotel nights in Australia with Qantas

BRIDGE THE WORLD

☎ 0171 209 9000
1-3 Ferdinand Street, London NW1 8ES
Fax 0171 813 3350 ABTA A4316 IATA ATOL 3096

WINNER AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION BROCHURE OF THE YEAR 1995

Ring 01932 829544 (24hrs) for a free copy of our brochure

AIR TICKETS DIRECT

FARES INCLUDE ALL AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAXES

WORLDWIDE — 01279 713 777

Kuala Lumpur	£459	Jo'burg	£495	Luxor	£119
Bangkok	£379	Bombay	£369	Dubai	£249
Sydney	£459	Jamaica	£289	Gambia	£199

AMERICAS — 01279 713 747

New York	£199	Los Angeles	£320	Boston	£255
Orlando	£219	San Francisco	£320	Washington	£253
Dallas	£307	Miami	£244	Toronto	£254

EUROPE — 01279 713 737

Amsterdam	£72	Paris	£66	Madrid	£104
Geneva	£110	Cologne	£86	Athens	£129
Vienna	£110	Cyprus	£139	Valencia	£124

FAX: 01279 713 714

ALL FARES SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

TRAVEL INSURANCE

ANNUAL MULTI-TRIP FROM £65

SINGLE TRIP £5M MEDICAL FROM £10 EUROPE £20 USA

COMPREHENSIVE SKI COVER FROM £18.50-EUROPE £29.50-W/WIDE

LONG STAY FROM £12.50 PER MONTH 2-18 MONTHS

PRICES INCLUDE I.P. TAX & 2.5%

WORLDWIDE TRAVEL INSURANCE SERVICES

01732 773366

CANADA SUMMER 96

From Gatwick, Manchester, B'mingham, E Mids, Glasgow

TORONTO	£169
MONTREAL	£169
HALIFAX	£219
WINNIPEG	£249
VANCOUVER	£249
CALGARY	£249
EDMONTON	£249

Canadian Affair ATOL 1971
589 Fulham Road London SW6 5UA

0171 385 4400

Subject to availability and airport tax

COSTCUTTERS on flights & hols to Europe, USA & most destinations. Diplomat Travel Services Ltd 0171-730 2201 ABTA 26703 IATA/ATOL 1355.

USA

New York weekends from £299

Florida hotels all year from (per room) £27

5 star Caribbean Cruising ONLY £725

- Book Now Save Later price guarantee
- Tailor-Made America detailed, illustrated itineraries in 48 hrs
- Choose from 11 Trans-Atlantic Airlines

CALL NOW FOR BROCHURE

Bon Voyage YOUR BEST WAY USA

01703 330332

18 Bellevue Rd, Southampton SO15 2AY

FLYDRIVES ORLANDO SUMMER 1996 14 NTS NON STOP

£159 PER PERSON

LIBERTY WORLD TRAVEL
01253 757575

MORE OFFERS ON TELETEXT P.264

VACATION TRAVEL

PRICES FR.

FARO	59	PALMA	59
MALAGA	65	GREECE	99
ALICANTE	59	MALTA	89
TENERIFE	79	TURKEY	119
LAS PALMAS	79	ISRAEL	129
LANZAROTE	79	CYPRUS	119

All Worldwide destinations avail. Winter/Summer. Also car hire & luxury accom.

0800 371855

ALICANTE	fr. £59	FARO	fr. £59
PALMA	£59	CYPRUS	£99
CANARIES	£99	CARIBBEAN	£219
GREECE	£59	MALAGA	£59
MALTA	£69	GOA/INDIA	£269
ISRAEL	£125	ORLANDO	£189

All European & Worldwide Dest Available
Summer 96 Booking Now

VICEROY AIR INTERNATIONAL
01476 74111
ABTA 89761

DATA

ACCESS VISA SWITCH DELTA

ATHENS	119	JO'BURG	499
BARCELONA	99	MADRID	89
BUDAPEST	150	MALAGA	89
CAIRO	245	MILAN	119
CANARIES	109	MOROCCO	115
COPENHAGEN	134	NICE	96
FARO	89	PRAGUE	144
FRANKFURT	95	TEL-AVIV	178
FUNCHAL	114	VIENNA	96
ISTANBUL	119	ZURICH	82

Tel: 01424 722394

CAPITAL FLIGHTS

Portugal	59	USA	129
Spain	59	Canada	179
Canaries	59	Caribbean	189
Ski Flights	89	Africa	298
Greece	80	Far East	320
Cyprus	89	S.America	340
Israel	99	Australia	450

ALL EUROPEAN & WORLDWIDE DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

0171 209 4000

EMBASSY FLIGHT CENTRE

Athens	£89	Orlando	£149
New York	£179	Malaga	£39
Canaries	£59	Malta	£89
Cairo	£179	Nice	£109
Sydney	£538	Palma	£59
Faro	£59	Toronto	£179
Goa	£209	Tel Aviv	£149

ALL WORLDWIDE & EUROPEAN DEST AVAILABLE AT DISCOUNT RATE

Tel: 01273 700737

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

POLAND, CZECH REPUBLIC, HUNGARY

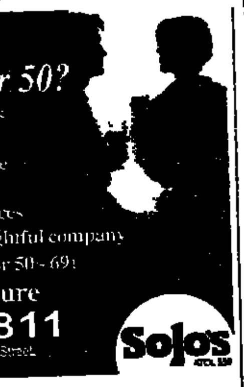
10 day holidays with half board discovering Eastern Europe

NO DEPOSIT

£129

New Millennium 0121 711 3366

Single? Over 30 or over 50?



- Group holidays for singles
- Exciting choice: UK, Europe & Worldwide
- Quality accommodation
- Great fun, great experiences
- Make new friends in delightful company
- Two age groups (30 - 49 or 50 - 69)

Ring now for a brochure
0181 951 2811

Solo's Holidays Ltd, Dept No: OT, 54-58 High Street, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 7ED

Solos ATOL 359

The ASIA Experience
Thailand Land of smiles

4nts BANGKOK & 8nts PATTAYA £549 4nts at The Asia Bangkok Hotel 8nts at Asia Pattaya Beach Hotel Airport transfers	5nts BANGKOK £499 5nts at The Asia Bangkok Hotel Airport transfers
3nts CHIANG MAI £799 4nts BANGKOK & 5nts PHUKET 4nts Asia Bangkok, 3nts Royal Princess & 5nts Kharon Inn. Airport transfers	7nts PHUKET £599 Price includes. 7nts Kharon Inn. Airport transfers

All prices based on departures with Thai

★ FIRST & BUSINESS UPGRADES FROM £390 ★

0171 636 4343

24hr BROCHURE HOTLINE - 0171 916 7801

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

PORTUGAL & Canaries All areas. Villas/apts., hotels, pousadas, golf hols, flights Longmere Int'l. 0181 654 2424. Retail agents. ABTA E143X

PASSAGE TO SOUTH AMERICA

THE TAILOR-MADE SPECIALIST

We have the widest selection of tours and flights to South America.
Call us for a brochure and we will help you plan the holiday of a lifetime.

0171 602 9889

FULLY BONDED

ITALY

LUXURY TUSCAN FARMHOUSE

Self contained wing. Sleeps 8-4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sitting room, dining room, large kitchen, outside terrace, splendid views to sea and mountains, large grounds and pool. 1 hour from Florence. Half hour from Pisa. Available August, September or other periods.

Tel: 0171 435 8796

Tuscany

Apartments in Farmhouses, Renaissance Villas & Castles near Siena, Florence, Pisa & Lucca. Most with pools.

ITALISSIMA
01449 737774

TUSCANY

BARGA - O'LOOKING 'Over-the-Rainbow' cottage. Cutest in Tuscany. Slps 4. Equipped to the last toothpick. Sensational views. To rent May through Sept. From £199 per wk abs inc Gosport.

(01705) 582518

AIRPORT PARKING

FLYING from Gatwick? Park on-airport at NCP Flightpath Long Term car parks. Turn up & take off or save up to 24% by booking in adv eg 8 days £28, 15 days £51. Prices valid to 31st March 1996. Both terminals. 24hrs Bookings 0800 128 128 Mon Fri 9-8, Sat 9-5

FREE Hol Parking with 1 nt at many airport hotels fr £20 50. Holiday Xtras 01303 812886

HEATHROW £6 daily 1 6days, thereafter only £3, no min stay - long stay discount. Secure Parking Ltd 0181 813 8130.

SECURE Airport Parking. Save £'s - Prebook (even last minute) From per day-Gatwick £2.35, Heathrow £4.95, (£3pd after 9 days), Manc £2.80 - Other airports. Holiday Xtras 01303 812886.

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND.

LOOKING FOR A GREAT DEAL?

Buy one scheduled Air New Zealand return for £980 and get another for only £369. Phone 01932 859811 for your information pack. But be quick - book before 15th February 1996. Offer valid for outward travel between 16th April and 15th June 1996.

ESCOA CRUISES

Experience the beauty of Norway's coast.

11 DAYS NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE
FROM £980 PER PERSON.

Take a cruise along the Norwegian coast from Bergen and you'll soon discover one of the most beautiful parts of the world.
See for yourself the spectacular Fjords of Norway, along with its ever changing landscape. Enjoy exquisite food, great company and 34 ports of call on this truly unforgettable voyage.

For further details call now on
0117 927 2273
quoting Norway Cruise

*Price includes return flight.
1 nights stay in a hotel and the cruise.

45 COLSTON STREET, BRISTOL BS1 5AX

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Ultimate AUSTRALIA

FROM OPERA TO OUTBACK

Experience the Red Centre, the Great Barrier Reef, cities or rainforests.
Let us tailor-make your holiday.

tel: 01284 762255
fax: 01284 769011
FOR DETAILS AND A BROCHURE

TRAVEL PORTFOLIO
73 CHURCHGATE STREET
BURY ST EDMUNDS
IP33 1RL

BALEARICS

BEST of Mallorca. Top hotels far from mass tourism. Unicorn Holidays 01582 834400. ATOL 2431 ABTA V1074 AITO

UPMINSTER Travel Club, sixty years of experience selling quality holidays at affordable prices. Apts, villas & family-run hotels in N. Mallorca. ATOL 712 ABTA. AITO 01708 225000

INDIVIDUAL TRAVELLERS SPAIN

— MALLORCA - MENORCA —

Traditional cottages, villas, houses & apartments, delightfully set on these sparkling islands.

FREE COLOUR BROCHURE
TEL (01798) 869416 QUOTE REF N133

MENORCA

Luxury private villa in village 10 minutes drive Mahon, 6 bedrooms, 3 bath rooms (2 ensuite), 10 metres x 5 metres pool. BBQ and large tiled table shaded by fig tree in garden. Maximum party size is 10 including children. Reduction for parties of 8/9. Discounted car hire available.

Tel 01737 813051

Also 2 bedroom apartment at Son Parc for upto 4 people

MENORCA

Es Castell.
Overlooking Mahon harbour, lge. well equipped pvt family villa, pool, gdn, slps 12 + cots. Not avail Aug.
Brochure.

0181 994 3860

MENORCA
Calan Bosch

Lovely villa, sleeps 5, private garden with brick built BBQ, swimming pool in communal garden. Close to amenities but in quiet position.

Tel/Fax
01494 713722

BINIBECA

Large villa with own private pool. Sleeps 6 to 9. Close to sandy beach & all amenities.

From £265pp for 2 weeks including flight.

0181 6601216

CRUISE & SAIL ABROAD

FRENCH CANALS self-drive 4-12 berth Penichettes from 21 bases all over France. Brochure from French Country Cruises. Tel 01572 821330 AITO ATOL

PELIGONI CLUB - Sailing, windsurfing, scuba and tennis in Zakynthos, Greece. Brochure line 01243 513661

BOATING FRANCE

For your widest choice of Boating Holidays on the finest rivers and canals of France. Hand-picked craft. Quote E4111.

FREEPHONE 0800 520 520

HOSEASONS
ABTA V0118 ATOL 2290

CYPRUS

POLIS/Akamas. The unspoilt Cyprus. Individual houses/apts with car/pool 01203 418193.

PISSOURI

Picturesque unspoilt friendly village. Tastefully decorated villa in small private development overlooking Mediterranean. Lounge, 2 beds, bath/shower, kitchenette, large patio, surrounding gardens. Pool, restaurant, tennis courts, shop, 10 minutes sea £185 pw

Tel 01243 780381

KYRENIA

Village houses, Access to pool, Glorious Sunshine friendly people. From £75-£220 per cottage.

Tel/Fax: 01861 522409

BALEARICS

IBIZA Farmhse in mountains for 6 4 acres. Panoramic views £375 pw 0171 584 7225

MALLORCA

POLLENSA

Attr large house, pool, 3 dbl beds, 3 baths.

Avail 19/6 to 20/7, £1,500pw.
Aug £1,800pw.

00347 1534662

FAR EAST

BURMA tours and tailormade. Brochure from Coromandel Tel 01572 821330 ATOL

CORSICA

SIMPLY CORSICA

Corsica is the most beautiful island in the Mediterranean. We offer villas with pools, seaside cottages, stylish hotels, mountain auberges, an Island Wandering programme and specialist Flower, Walking and Painting Holidays.

For a brochure please call us on: (24hrs)
0181 995 9323
AITO ABTA V1337 ATOL 1922

FRANCE

ALPS St Gervais. Lovely 3 bedrm S/C family chalet apt + studio for 4, gdns 01222 712178

ARDECHE

- 3 hses (sl 2-6) in 18C south-facing rural mas. Superb views. Rivers nearby. Also F/B painting hols.

01737 247946

CARIBBEAN

BARBADOS. Super house right on S.W. beach 3 dbls. Maid. Avail fr 30 Dec. 01892 518301

BARBADOS

w/coast Lux villa,
3 dble air cond bedrms.
2 bathrooms, t.v./radio,
pool, staff, 250 yds
from Royal Westmorland
Golf course, 1 mile
from Sandy Lane Golf course

Tel/Fax:
0181 568 5181

Concorde to Barbados

every week this winter until 20th April.
Stay 7 nights or more and choose from one of nine luxury hotels.
From £1995 to £5385 with

Elegant Resorts
THE OLD PALACE,
CHESTER CH1 1RB

01 244 897 999

ABTA V1712 ATOL 2805

CRUISE & SAIL ABROAD

See France from a different angle

BLAKES

Cruising on France's beautiful waterways
SOUTH OF FRANCE, CHARENTE, LOT, BURGUNDY, ALSACE, BRITTANY, CHAMPAGNE

BOOK YOUR 1996 BOAT NOW FOR JUST £10 DEPOSIT!!
+CANCELLATION & PERSONAL INS.

QUOTE REF: 3Q82

DIAL-A-BROCHURE ANY TIME
☎ 01603 784458

CARIBBEAN

Pure Luxury
CARIBBEAN STYLE

CALL NOW FOR THE BROCHURE

A selection from our extensive portfolio

BARBADOS
Sandy Lane – Exquisite splendour and exemplary service from £1,364 pp.

ST LUCIA
Windjammer Landing – The best family hotel in the Caribbean from £903 pp.

GRENADA
Spice Island Inn – For warm hospitality on a stunning beach from £1,162 pp.

CONCORDE • FIRST CLASS • CLUB WORLD PLUS – NEW MANCHESTER DEPARTURES
HIGHLAND FIRST UPGRADES FROM £95 ONE WAY

Call us now on
01244 329556
please quote TT 13/1

CARIBBEAN CONNECTION
THE CARIBBEAN SPECIALISTS

OFFICE HOURS MON-FRI 9-6, SAT 9-3

FRANCE

ANNECY Alpine lakeside villa/chalet/apts with pool Tel 01629 55590, fax 57757

AVEYRON—Najac Charming cottage views onto chateau. Slps 4 avail all year 01273 621594

DORDOGNE Nr Bergerac 2 super houses both with priv pools Slps 8-10. 3 bthrms Fr £475 pw T 0033-45362269.

FUTUROSCOPE, Theme Park Breaks Entrance & dinner B&B from £47pp 01484 680865

PROVENCE selection of beautiful Chateaux & villas to rent throughout the South of France all with pools & maid. French Chapters 0171 722 0722

LANGUEDOC hse slps 4/5, pool, 30 mins mediterr Pyrenees quiet loc Tel 01245 233451

NORMANDY Gites de France cottages 120 Coastal & rural locations 01922 726705 AITO

PARIS by Eurostar S/C Studios & Apts All major locations RCN. 01484 680 865 bonded

SUNSELECT VILLAS A Personal selection of villas & cottages, many with pools From Brittany to Provence 0161 707 8794 AITO bonded

NORMANDY

Charming old house in historic village with famous chateaux set in unspoilt countryside near Bayeux. Fine views over village & forest. Quiet garden. Sleeps up to 7. ½ hour drive to sea. Available all year from £180pw
Specially beautiful in Spring

01460 76161

LOT/Tarn Large luxury stone farmhouse (sleeps 6/8) & cottage (4) pool. Views. From £250 pw. Jul/Aug £1000+.

Tel: 01959 562412

DORDOGNE

delightful restored house near Perigueux with south facing courtyard pool, 7m x 3 6m. Sleeps 11 in 3 double bedrooms and dormitory, all hot and cold water. Automatic washing machine, dishwasher, food processor etc. £200 - £600 pw

Tel:
0171 738 7712

DORDOGNE
S. Bergerac

Old beamed stone barn slps 10, own pool, 1 acre, close to Chateau des Vigiers golf course and Country Club. All mod cons.

01273 696243

Lets Direct

A guide to French holiday properties
Book direct with owners for preferential rates
Fantastic Ferry and Insurance rates!

01489 878612

LETS DIRECT LTD, SWANMORE, SOUTHAMPTON SO32 2QW

Active family holidays

Over 3,000 touring and multi-activity options in unspoilt France. Hotels or self-catering. Free holidays for under 18's, a 'not undersold' price guarantee, and free fun pack for the under 12's. Ring for your brochure.

ATOL 2412 AITO

HEADWATER
01606 48699

Chez Nous '96
Save money - book direct!

1500 private owners advertise: Chateaux • Villa's & Farm Houses, many with pools • Cottages • Studios • Apartments • Family Hotels • Mobile Homes • Bed & Breakfast • Special Interest Holidays • In all Regions of France

For 260 page Colour Brochure Tel: 01 484 682503
Write - Chez Nous, FREEPOST (ST), Huddersfield HD7 1BR

P&O European Ferries

DISNEYLAND PARIS

FROM ONLY £69 PER PERSON

- ★ 3 NIGHTS SELF CATERING AT DAVY CROCKETT RANCH
- ★ 4 DAY UNLIMITED THEME PARK PASS
- ★ INCLUDES RETURN FERRY CROSSINGS

Price is per person for three nights based on 2 adults and 2 children (3-11yrs) sharing a car and a log cabin for 3 nights for arrivals between 7 January and 16 February 1996.

RING NOW ON
(01992) 456045
or see your travel agent

ABTA No. V5361 ©Disney

BRITAIN'S NO.1 FERRY COMPANY

FRANCE

PYRENEES gites hotel. Discover mountains lakes remote villages of Central Pyrenees, Nr rugged Spain 01373 463217

SOUTH OF FRANCE Near Cannes. Large 2 bedroomed 6 berth mobile homes connected to main services. Swimming pools, bar, shop, on small family run site. Resident English owner. From £120pw all inclusive. Colour Brochure Tel (01227) 372589 or 372427

SOUTHERN FRANCE Argeles Sur-Mer House, slps 2-10. Shared pool. Walking distance beach & village 01883 712043

HIDDEN FRANCE

Houses of character and comfort to rent in unspoilt regions. Many with pools. Canal boats & unique activity holidays

LA FRANCE DES VILLAGES
01449 737678

S.W. FRANCE

VILLAS & COTTAGES many with pools.
Close to fine beaches and beautiful countryside.

FRANCOPHILE HOLIDAYS
BROCHURE TEL 24hr
015394 31860

Holiday Homes & Gîtes de France Cottages

FRANCE NORD

Specialists in
- Pas-de-Calais
- Picardy
- Loire Valley
- Moselle
- Brittany
- Paris - Ile de France

FREE Brochure from 77 Banbury Crescent, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B74 2JR

0121 353 6457

DORDOGNE FARM
On the river
Full Board With Unlimited Feasting Including Wine, Ale
£190 p.w.

Fishing, Walking

Sports, sightseeing

Brochure 00 33 53.82.08.37

PROVENCE.

Beaut restored. C17 farmhouse outside Medieval Seillans in foothills 45 min Nice airport. With smaller garden house sleeps 12, superb swimming pool, very private. 2½ acres olive groves, woods, lovely views, nearest beach 30 mins. Delightful inland lake 15 mins, golf and excellent tennis courts nearby.

Tel 0181 7497692

LARGE VILLA

Var, nr Cogolin
3 beds, 2 baths, pool
Tranquil private setting, stunnings views
20 minutes by car St Tropez, Ste Maxime, Grimaud
Call 01539 445812

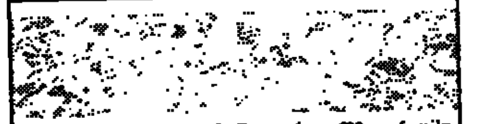
GREECE

SIMPLY CRETE

Simply-Greek family offer 16 years experience to guide you off the beaten track and discover true Cretan hospitality. Private villas, apartments, small hotels and island wandering, plus specialist walking, painting & flower holidays.

For a copy of our brochure please call us on: (24hrs)
0181 995 9323
AITO ABTA V1337 ATOL 1922

FRANCE



Enjoy a week's camping in France from £99 per family.
*Based on 2 adults and 4 children sharing, 7 - 13 Sept '96, including return ferry crossing by car. Under 18s go free.
Mobile home and camping holidays also available in Spain and Italy.

Call
01233 21 10 10
(24 hours) for a brochure or see your travel agent.

ABTA NO: V5466 ATOL NO: 3973

Stena Line HOLIDAYS

LIVE LIKE A LORD — IN FRANCE —

Why settle for an 'average' French gîte, when you can have your own private château or villa, complete with its own estate & swimming-pool, from £169 per villa?

We'll even throw in a FREE hotel overnight en route!

Call today for your free brochure:
01235 824324

PREMIER FRANCE from Crystal

FREE OVERNIGHT HOTEL

No one comes closer to France.

Châteaux, cottages, farmhouses. A superior selection of traditional holiday houses of character and quality in France & Corsica.

FRANCE

Many with pool. Travel facilities available.

FREE COLOUR BROCHURE
RING (01798) 869411 QUOTE REF: F163
Or write to: Vacances en Campagne, Dept. F163, Bignor, Pulborough, W. Sussex RH20 1QD.

Vacances en Campagne

OVERSEAS BROCHURES 1996

PREMIER BRITAIN

All the best little "gems", superb country house hotels, luxury country cottages across the length and breadth of Britain and Ireland. ㊶

HOTEL HOLIDAYS OF QUALITY TO ITALY AND FRANCE

Choose from over 150 hotels of charm and character, quality and prestige. From Renaissance châteaux to country mansions, from grand palaces to seaside hideaway. Throughout Italy and France from the lavender beds of Provence to the lemon groves of the Amalfi Coast, from splendid Venice to the torrential Dordogne. Flexible durations, daily departures (by scheduled flight with hire-car, self-drive and motorail), all year round. Tailor-made to your requirements. ATOL 3076, AITO Trust 1042.

ITALIAN EXPRESSIONS: 0171 435 2525

FRENCH EXPRESSIONS: 0171 431 1312 ㊷

Greek Islands Club

27 years of arranging individual & hotel holidays for those who expect privacy, comfort, personal service and beautiful surroundings. Our brochure features eleven unhurried and uncrowded Greek Islands.

Greek Islands Club

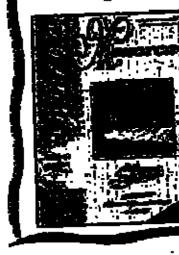
66 High Street, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, KT12 1BU ㊸

Tel (01932) 220477 (24 hrs).

ABTA V3053 ATOL 848 AITO

Menorca with STYLE HOLIDAYS

For the the ideal holiday in the sun nothing beats the relaxing island of Menorca. Families will love our comprehensive selection of private villas with pools, apartments and small and friendly hotels. Use the coupon, see your travel agent or call 0181 568 1999 or 0161 236 2974 for your brochure. ㊹



ABTA V1408 ATOL 3442

CANVAS OFFER YOU MORE! ㊺

Save over £100 on your family summer holiday - when you book by 30th January. Choose from almost 90 quality campsites throughout Europe.

For further details call for a brochure on 0645 747 222 and quote ref ST 33

Canvas

PREMIER FRANCE

Live like a Lord in our range of superb villas, hotels and châteaux, all with pools throughout beautiful France. **Free overnight hotel en-route included!** ㊻

PREMIER ITALY

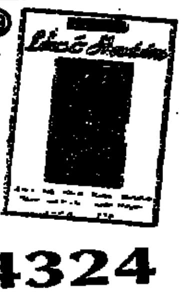
Wonderful hotels, villas with pools and luxury coach tours in all Italy's loveliest holiday regions including Tuscany, Isle of Elba and Sicily. ㊼

PREMIER CITIES

The most exciting cities in the world, with scheduled flights from 20 local UK airports, super hotels, plus Eurostar to romantic Paris. ㊽

LAKES & MOUNTAINS

Breathtaking summer scenery in Austria, Italy, Norway, Hungary, Switzerland, France, USA and Canada by air, train or self-drive. Superb special offers included. ㊾



JERSEY & GUERNSEY

The very best of Jersey ㊿ and Guernsey with over 100 hotels in every price range, and scheduled flights from 30 local UK airports!

For any of these Crystal brochures, please call our 24 hour brochure-line on **01235 824324** *specifying which brochure(s) you require, see your travel agent, or complete the reader reply coupon.*

ABTA V4681 IATA FTO

Bowhills ALL OVER FRANCE

Farmhouse & Villa Holidays 1996 (51)

Traditional character properties most with pools or beaches nearby. Sleeping 2-16.

LOW BOOKING DEPOSIT! 23 YEARS EXPERIENCE

01489 878567

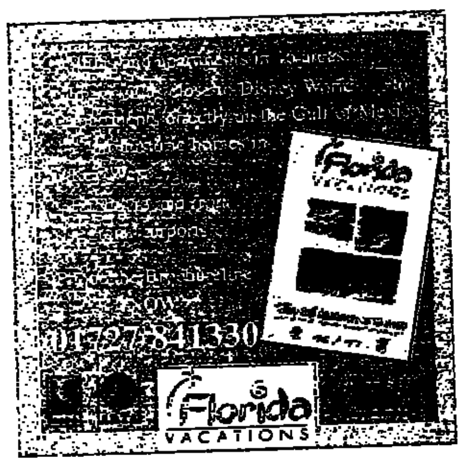
SWANMORE SOUTHAMPTON SO32 2QW

(52) EXODUS

Exodus are the UK's leaders in small group adventure travel with over twenty years experience and the widest choice of trips. We offer treks to all the major mountain ranges in the world and well away from the tourist trails. Choose from either camping or centre based walks, where you can return to the comforts of a hotel or lodge. Expertly led and all individually graded, ideal for the novice to the experienced high altitude walker.

AITO/ATOL fully bonded.

Tel: 24hr brochure line: 0181 673 0859.



01727 841330

Florida VACATIONS

INDIVIDUAL TRAVELLERS SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

Traditional holiday properties of superior quality throughout countryside and coastal Spain and Portugal. Many with pool. Each selected for its character and setting.

FREE COLOUR BROCHURE RING (01798) 869416 QUOTE ES121

AITO 1010 ATOL 2433 (54)

OKAVANGO TOURS & SAFARIS (55)

Simply the best for:

Botswana
Zambia
Zimbabwe
Namibia
South Africa
Tanzania

Tel: 0181 343 3283 Fax: 0181 343 3287

Gadd House, Arcadia Avenue
London N3 2TJ

The Best of Spain & Portugal with Mallorca

Tailor-made holidays to the best hotels

- Paradores
- Pousadas
- Other top hotels
- Manor houses
- Fly-drive or ferry with own car

Unicorn Holidays ATOL 2431 ABTA V1074 AITO

01582 83 4400 (56)

DRAGOMAN OVERLAND JOURNEYS

- African Safaris from 3 weeks
- African Overland up to 36 weeks
- India from 3 to 10 weeks
- London to Kathmandu up to 15 weeks
- All the Americas from 2-26 weeks

Dragoman, 50 Camp Green, Debenham, Suffolk IP14 6LA
Tel: 0171 370 1930 (57)

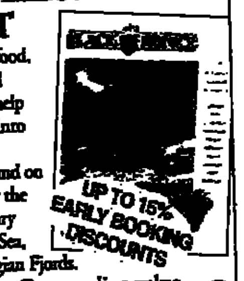
Motoring Holidays in Germany, Holland and Scandinavia. (58)

When children travel free, a family of four can sail away Scandinavian style from as little as £239. Choose Self-Catering, Touring, Activity Parks, Camping or Farmhouse breaks. Please telephone the 24-hour Brochureline on 0117 944 7733 (quoting ref 96/PN1011). Or call in and see your travel agent today.

Children travel FREE

SCANDINAVIAN SEAWAYS
A BETTER WAY OF TRAVELLING

THE *FRIENDLIEST* CRUISE SHIP AFLOAT



UP TO 15% EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNTS

The warm ambience, fine food, sparkling entertainment and fascinating ports-of-call all help turn a Black Prince cruise into the holiday of a lifetime.

Sailing from Dover year round on 9 - 33 day cruises we follow the sun to the Caribbean, Canary Islands, West Africa, Black Sea, Mediterranean and Norwegian Fjords.

No Airports. No flying. Outstanding value. (59)

'96 Brochure from: Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, PO Box 11 Loughborough, LE11 1ZY: Or call 01509 215 900 now.

Fred.Olsen Cruise Lines
No one knows more about cruising

AMERICA (60)

Find exactly the Holiday in America you want with the help of United Vacations. America & Hawaii the Holiday Book is the one stop guide for the best choice of U.S destinations from Coast to Coast. There are single and Multi-Centre holidays, Fly Drive Tours and Cruises, as well as the Paradise Islands of Hawaii.

For a brochure, call 01235 824344 or see your travel agent.

UK BROCHURES 1996

NORTH CORNWALL

Over 600 miles of Atlantic cliffs, coves and beaches, wooded valleys and the wilds of Bodmin Moor. Come visit us now. FREE colour guide.

TEL: (01208) 78849/261259 (24hrs) (61)

S.E. CORNWALL, LOOE AND POLPERRO

Cornish cream - sheltered coves, wooded valleys, moorland, sunlit seas, hot pasties, warm smiles, amazing attractions.

FREE Brochure (01579) 341035 (24hrs) (62)

AXE VALLEY

For peace and quiet, Seaton is the perfect seaside resort. Enjoy tram rides to historic Colyton or cliff walks to the fishing village of Beer. (63)

For guide tel: 01297 34386

North Devon and Exmoor (64)

A land of wild moors, beautiful river valleys, a stunning coastline of picturesque harbours and vast golden beaches. Ilfracombe, Woolacombe, Croyde, Lynton/Lynmouth, Combe Martin, Westward Ho!, South Molton, Torrington, Bideford, Barnstaple and Lundy Island.

Brochure enquiry line - 01271 23455 (24 hrs) or write to Dept. 39, PO Box 41, Barnstaple North Devon EX32 8LF

DARLINGTON

A lively, historic market town and excellent base for exploring Durham/North Yorkshire. Railway Museum, leisure centre, theatre and good range of accommodation. FREE brochure and discount voucher.

Tel: (01325) 382698 (ST) (65)

SOUTH DEVON

Salcombe, Dartmouth, Totnes, Kingsbridge, Modbury, South Dartmoor. An idyllic setting for a family holiday or "get away from it all" short break. Somewhere special all year round.

FREE guide Tel (01752) 897035 (24hrs) (66)

CORNWALL (67)

The inspired choice for great holidays.

300 miles of spectacular coastline and beaches, historic towns, quaint harbours, romantic fishing villages and a huge range of accommodation.

FREE guide. Tel (01872) 41313 (24hrs)

Grampian Highlands and Aberdeen

Discover Scotland in this captivating region - Aberdeen "The Flower of Scotland", Scotland's only Castle Trail, the World's only Malt Whisky Trail, Royal Deeside, The Coastal Trail. Hillwalking, sailing, golfing, riding, gliding... the list of outdoor pursuits is endless!

For more information Tel: 01369 707888 (68)

THE WEST COUNTRY

Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire, Avon, Isles of Scilly.

England's most popular holiday region with just about every conceivable kind of holiday - history, tradition, sophistication and entertainment.

FREE guide (01271) 329282 (24hrs) (69)

COUNTY DURHAM

- Land of The Prince Bishops

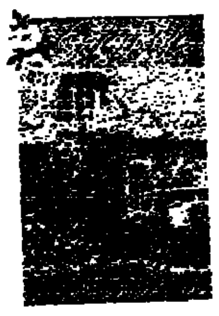
Short Breaks rich in fascinating Heritage and outstanding scenery.

Highlights include Durham Cathedral and Castle, the North Pennine Dales, Beamish, Barnard Castle and The Bowes Museum.

Good Touring Centre for Northumberland and Yorkshire Dales.

FREE HOLIDAY GUIDE (Dept TT) Tel: (0191) 383 3354 (24 hours) (70)

ENJOY LIFE in EAST DORSET... where we believe you deserve a life of tranquillity and relaxation away from the crowds, and yet not so far from the sea!

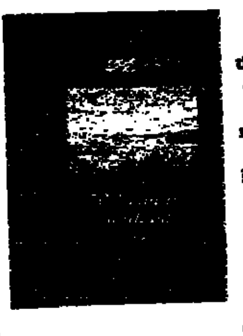


Discover a country life where charming small towns and villages offer you a taste of old fashioned village life and hospitality.

for details see brochure request service or contact:

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE
01202 886116 (24hrs) (71)

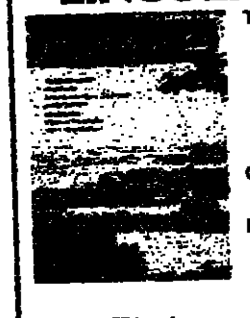
MACKAY'S AGENCY



Self catering properties throughout Scotland - from simple croft cottages to luxury mansions. Value for money family holidays or for your own Scottish Houseparty, select from our Premier Collection.

Tel: 0131 226 4364 (72)

LINCOLNSHIRE



Traditional and rather old fashioned, this rural county offers relaxing holidays for those who enjoy unspoilt market towns, magnificent country houses and one of the loveliest Cathedrals in England. Our speciality is a series of themed brochures on gardens, churches, antiques, crafts, aviation heritage and countryside activities.

For FREE brochures use coupon or contact: Lincolnshire Tourism, Dept SAT1, The Castle Lincoln LN1 3AA. Tel: 01522 552809 (73)

THE CORNISH RIVIERA (74)

Roseland Peninsula, Fowey, Mevagissey and St Austell Bay - Classic Cornwall, a green and gold tapestry of wooded hills dropping down to secluded coves and enchanted fishing villages.

FREE guide Tel (01637) 878841 (24hrs)

Forest Enterprise Holidays

Come to the heart of Britain's woodlands for a holiday or short break in one of our fully equipped log cabins or cottages. Prices from just £89 for three nights. Dogs welcome.

Forest Enterprise is an executive agency of the Forestry Commission

Tel: 0131 334 0066 ref ST1 (75)

FALMOUTH & SOUTH WEST CORNWALL (77)

Helston, Lizard Peninsula, Truro, Porreath. A unique holiday destination combining popular resorts with a land rich in heritage and England's most southerly point.

FREE guide

Tel:(01326) 572265 (24hrs)

THE ISLAND OF JERSEY

For information on the Cream of Holidays ring **0345 055 055*** (78)

*Local call rate

THE TIMES

Presents

OVERSEAS & UK BROCHURES 1996

To receive up to eight of the above brochures please indicate your choice below:

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Mr/Mrs/Miss: ______________________

Address: ______________________

____

____

Postcode: ______________________

Please return to:
THE TIMES
PO BOX 50
BROMLEY, KENT BR2 9TT

or Fax your request on:
0181-313 3337
By 13th February, 1996

[هكذا من الأصل]

صكنا من الاصل

96

CANVAS OFFER YOU MORE!

DARLINGTON

UMBRIA

COUNTY DURHAM

THE TIMES OVERSEAS & UK BROCHURES 1996

CHECK-IN

NEW ZEALAND AUSTRALIA SOUTH PACIFIC CANADA

Canada & Worldwide 0181 741 0777

CALL NOW FOR BROCHURE

ABTA V4833 D2445 IATA

• THE BEST VALUE • THE WIDEST CHOICE OF HOLIDAYS & FLIGHTS •

- Farm & Homestays
- Exclusive Lodge
- Escorted Coach Tours
- Cycling Holidays
- Hotels, Motels
- Sailing, Fishing
- Guided Treks
- Campervans
- Travelpass
- Car Rental

HOTEL ROOMS FROM £32 PER NIGHT PER PERSON

CAR RENTAL FROM £18

CAMPERVANS FROM £26

SYDNEY FROM £559 RETURN

AUCKLAND FROM £669 RETURN

Return flights

TORONTO . . . . from £195	MONTREAL . . . from £269
VANCOUVER . . from £289	CALGARY . . . . from £269
	ST JOHNS . . . . from £299

WORLDWIDE

Return flights

LOS ANGELES . from £305	SINGAPORE ..... from £499
JO'BURG.......... from £459	TOKYO .... from £565
	NEW YORK .... from £199

RESERVATIONS - INFORMATION

TEL : 0181 748 4455 Fax: 0181 748 2274 NZTIS

Air New Zealand Qantas

94 Fulham Palace Road, London W6 9PL

GREECE

Which UNSPOILT GREEK ISLAND

LIPSI The wilder shores of Greece. Unspoilt. Remote, lovely quiet uncrowded beaches. Unique. **TILOS** Remote, tranquil, serene. The island where time stands still. **KALYMNOS** The Sponge Fishers Island. Very friendly & Greek. **LEROS** Gentle rolling hills. Secluded bays, sparkling seas. **HALKI** Discover the magical charm of a totally unspoilt island. Friendly people, beautiful harbourside. **SYMI** Undiscovered, unspoilt. Unbelievably beautiful - for the romantic. Traditional houses. **ALONISSOS** Idyllic harbourside setting. Quiet secluded beaches. Excellent seafood tavernas. **SPETSES** Pine clad secluded bays, azure seas. Watersports, cosmopolitan & lively night life. **SKOPELOS** Stunning verdant scenery, good beaches. Friendly tavernas, varied local night life.

TRADITIONAL VILLAS & APARTMENTS for the discriminating It's all in our amazingly honest brochure 01629 824 881 24hr Brochure line

LASKARINA Holidays AITO

The Specialist Tour Operators to Greece

PAXOS & LEFKADA - The most beautiful and inspiring Greek islands. Simple studios, sea view apartments, country cottages and luxurious villas. Painting and walking Holidays. For 1996 Brochure, call Paxos Holidays, the true traditional specialists. 01580 765000 ABTA AITO ATOL

UPMINSTER Travel Club - sixty years of experience selling quality holidays at affordable prices. Apts and family run hotels on Crete. ATOL 172. ABTA, AITO Phone 01708 226000

ZAKYNTHOS Rural Beach loc. Lux villas s/c all year. Colour brochure Tel. 01425 656227

ZAKYNTHOS: Delightful hillside cottages. Watersports nearby. Brochure line 01243 513661.

GREEK Islands. Individually arranged, upmarket holidays in quality accommodation, many with pools, on 19 of the lesser known, unspoilt islands including Cycladic cruises on wooden sailing boats, tours of ancient sites & walking holidays. Greek Sun Holidays, established 33 years. ATOL 0011. ABTA V2195. AITO 24 hr. brochure line 01732 740317

GRECO-FILE/Filoxenia. A very different Greece for 96. Fr Paxos to the Peloponnese fr Leros to Leonidion. 01422 375999 ATOL 2817 AITO

SIMPLY IONIAN

PAXOS · ITHACA
CEPHALONIA
CORFU · LEFKAS
ZAKYNTHOS
MEGANISI

Quintessentially Greek.
Private villas with pools, hotels and seaside cottages in beautiful unspoilt locations. Specialist painting, walking and flower holidays.
Please call us on: (24hrs)
0181 995 9323
AITO ABTA V1337 ATOL 1922

GREEK ISLANDS CLUB

27 years of arranging villa and hotel holidays for those who expect privacy, comfort, personal service and beautiful surroundings.

Paxos • Ithaca • Cephalonia
Lefkas • Zakynthos
Kythira • Corfu • Skiathos
Skopelos • Alonissos
Crete • Amorgos

For a brochure telephone:
(01932) 220477 (24 hrs)
or www: http://www.vch.co.uk/villas/
Villa Centre Holidays Ltd
ABTA V3951 ATOL 848 AITO

ITALY

TUSCANY nr Cortona beautiful farm hse & pool, lovely views. Slps 6-8. Tel.0171 9354 097

IDYLLIC ITALY

The complete selection countryside to coast. Villas, Farmhouses, Castles, Charming Countryside & City Hotels.
BRIDGEWATER'S TOSCANA
0161 707 8595

UMBRIA

ITALY

Traditional farmhouses, villas and apartments in Italy's prettiest regions.
FREE COLOUR BROCHURE
RING (01798) 869421
QUOTE 1144
VACANZE IN ITALIA

SIMPLY TUSCANY & UMBRIA

Traditional country villa-apartments with pool. Discover the "Green Heart" of Italy with our flexible, fly-drive holidays, staying in a choice of charming intimate hotels. Painting, Art & Architecture and Cookery holidays plus short breaks to Florence.
For a brochure, please call us on: (24hrs)
0181 995 9323
ABTA V1337 ATOL 1922 AITO

ITALY

SARDINIA Inclusive holidays, s/cat, hotels, fly drive, fly coach, two centre. Direct Flights. Sardatur Holidays 0171 2422455 ATOL 2593

TUSCANY/Sicily. Select properties in excellent locations, pools etc. Col Brochure 015394 31120 ABTA V7533

Charming Villas in Tuscany

From £99 Per week

Why pay more?
For FREE Brochure, see a travel agent or call 01235 824324 24 hrs

PREMIER ITALY from Crystal

PORTUGAL

ALBUFEIRA lux country villa + priv pool, gdn, sea views, 4 dble bedrms, maid. 01865 611 582

ALGARVE at Guia, a beautiful 4 bedroom villa, own pool, BBQ, tennis, horse riding and golf, maid service 01752 774586.

PORTUGAL. All areas. Villas / apts., hotels, pousadas, golf hols, flights. Longmere Intl. 0181 658 2112. ABTA 73196

UPMINSTER Travel Club - sixty years of experience selling quality holidays at affordable prices. Apts and family run hotels in The Algarve. ATOL 172, ABTA AITO. Tel: 01708 226000.

ABANDONED HOPE!

Algarve air conditioned own grnds pool. court. 3 bed each ensuite quiet. maid.

0117 9560022

ALGARVE

near Tavira, privately owned 3 bedroom luxury villa/pool, beaches close by, beautiful secluded location, maid service.

Tel: 01883 343840

ALGARVE
ARMACAO DE PERA

Beautiful private villa to let. Sleeps 8. 4 double bedrooms all with bathrooms ensuite. Daily maid. Swimming pool, tennis court and delightful secluded gardens. Sea only 2 kms. Available April to end October.

Tel: 01367 820057
Tel: 01367 240786

ALGARVE - ESTOI.

Well appointed modernised farm house, peaceful hillside setting 25 mins Faro. Private pool. Sleeps 4. From £260 pw.

Tel: 01344 884757

PORTUGAL, MADEIRA & THE AZORES

Our Lowest Prices Ever! Book with us & save 100's of £££'s

Hotels, Villas, Apts, Manors, Cities, Pousadas, Douro Cruises, Fly-Drives, Coach Tours, Flights Only etc (Package Holidays or All Only)

PORTUGALA HOLIDAYS
94 Fortis Green, London N2 9EY
TEL: 0181 444 1887
(Fully Bonded ATOL 2869)

SPAIN

JAVEA Altea villa 3 dble bedrms, own pool, garden, quiet but not remote. Tel: 01628 486894

SPAIN

INDIVIDUAL TRAVELLERS SPAIN

Traditional farmhouses, cottages, apartments and village houses throughout the most delightful areas of countryside in Spain and Portugal. All chosen for their charm, character and setting. Many with pool.

FREE COLOUR BROCHURE
RING (01798) 869416
QUOTE REF ES119
Or write to: Individual Travellers Spain, Dept. ES119, Bignor, Pulborough, W Sussex RH20 1QD.

PORTUGAL

INDIVIDUAL TRAVELLERS PORTUGAL

Fisherman's cottages, country houses & apartments throughout the most delightful areas of Portugal, from the Algarve to the Costa Verde. Many with swimming pool.

FREE COLOUR BROCHURE
RING (01798) 869416 QUOTE REF P159
Or write to: Individual Travellers Portugal, Dept P159, Bignor, Pulborough, W. Sussex RH20 1QD.

USA & CANADA

The new way to discover America.

Two weeks in a traditional New England house (including flights, car hire, hotel stopover and insurances) from £625* per person low season and from £875* per person high season.

Choose from a superb collection of carefully selected coastal, lakeside and inland properties in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts (including Cape Cod). FREE 136 PAGE COLOUR BROCHURE, CALL (01328) 856660 (24 Hrs) Quote N228. Or write to. New England Country Homes, Dept. N228, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 9NB.

NEW ENGLAND
COUNTRY HOMES

*Prices based on group of 4 sharing. ATOL 2984

SPAIN

ANDALUCIA. Four peaceful olive grove villas. Tennis, pool, gardens. Beach, golf 1 mile. Tel. 01225 744300

CATALAN Unspoilt mountain village sea 1 mile, charming old house with garden and terraces. sleeps 8/10 0181 8766280

SECRET Moorish villa amidst olive grove near Cardoba, Andalucia. Experience house party atmosphere in magical surroundings. Courtyards, fountains & pool. Candlelit evenings. £340 per person per week inc. Excellent cuisine & local wine. Mrs. Elliott 0171 229 6900.

MARBELLA Lux. Air cond. villa Nr Puerto Banus. slps 6 S/pool. Fr £300 pw 01483 273472

JAVEA

Luxury duplex villa.
Very quiet area.
Huge pool.
Gardens. Lake.
3 twin beds, 2 baths.
2 patios. 5 Km sea.
From £250 per week.
Tel: 01202 695796

COSTA BRAVA

Luxury villa overlooking Aigua Blava Bay. Sleeps 8, own pool, Sky TV, daily maid service.
Brochure avail
01504 766563

VINTAGE

Country House Selection Grand Cru Classe

Catalunya • Galacia • Mallorca
Traditional Country Houses with pools
Tel: 01954 261431
ATOL 2787 ABTA V6643 AITO

"SECRET SPAIN"

Traditional houses to rent near coast and in mountains of "Green" Northern Spain and in La Rioja.
01449 736096

SPANISH Affair

Villas with swimming pools, cottages and village houses in quiet, scenic locations

Our selection features quality properties in the most delightful coastal or mountain settings.

ANDALUSIA CANTABRIA CATALONIA
Fly-drive Ferry Motorail
5/7 Humbolt Road, London W6 8QH
0171-385 8127

SELF-CATERING

HELFORD

area. Cottages slps 6/8, nr sea, lge gdn, ideal children, dogs. fishing, sailing. Tranquil.
Tel: 01326 280150

SWITZERLAND

INTERLAKEN Mob homes lakeside site. Superb scenery car coach fr£159 01 903 743193

WINTER SPORTS

FERRY plus SKI

For the independent skier

car and 2 passengers FROM JUST £131

- Includes 28 day return ferry crossing
- personal ski insurance
- roadside breakdown assistance

call NOW 0181 680 4400 Mon–Sat 09:00–17:30

SPECIAL INTEREST

GOLF SCHOOLS in the Algarve 3 or 7 nights all levels Jan Feb March 96 International Golf Tutors Ltd 0181 876 0966

INSPIRING - Painting Holidays in Mallorca & Isle Of Mull. Broc Innemore School of Painting Mull PA70 6HD 01681 704201

TENNIS HOLIDAYS in the sun at The Jonathan Markson Algarve Tennis Centre. All ages & standards. Brochure 0171-460 0600 (24 hrs).

WALK GENTLY thru the worlds best wine regions. Small select groups, fine food & wine, country inns, chateaux & wine estates in Spain, Italy, France, Bulgaria, Madeira, S. Africa etc Winetrails 01306 712111 atol

Cycling & Walking Holidays

Leisurely tours through beautiful Bavarian & the Black Forest. Selected hotels. Bicycles provided. Luggage transported.
Brochure from Bents Bicycle & Walking Tours (ST)
17 High Street, Redbourn. Herts AL3 7LE
AITO 01582 793249

Indochina Travel

VIETNAM • BURMA • THAILAND • LAOS • CAMBODIA •

Unique small group escorted tours and tailor-made holidays.

Please call 0181 995 9323

800 new ways to discover Europe

Seek out the interesting, the unusual, and the stimulating with new walking and cycling holidays in Europe. Dozens of options from Norway to Morocco, from Ireland to Turkey, from Spain to Italy. Ring now for your brochure.

HEADWATER ATOL 2412
01606 42220

TURKEY

Historic Cities? Night Life? Cheap Shopping? Or just relax -

THE OLIVE GROVE

English run 4/6 bed villas in quiet olive grove near Kusadasi, Beach & Ephesus. Self-cater or let Christine cook for you in our poolside Bistro. Cup of tea, beer @ 60p per pint and specials for the children. Max £235 pw per villa.

Ring Donald 0171-237 4920 for brochure.

TURKEY

UNSPOILT village.

Swim, walk & eat in conservation area between mountains & sea. Sleeps 4. £300pw.

Tel: 01296 661465

Simply TURKEY

Personal service from Turkey specialists. Private villas, converted cottages, select hotels, tailor-made itineraries, gulet cruising, Special Interest Holidays, scuba diving and short breaks to Istanbul.

For a copy of our NEW 1996 brochure, please call us on: (24hrs)
0181 995 9323
ABTA V1337 ATOL 1922 AITO

USA & CANADA

CANADA Tours, motorhomes, aparts. etc Lakes & Mountains 01329 844405 AITO/ATOL

FOR exclusive families, an exotic villa, Kissimee, Florida. The finest location, the most beautiful private pool with waterfall / spa. Sleeps 6. All dates £650 pw. Colour brochure & video 0161 651 2239 home 0161 207 5539 office

PALM SPRINGS luxury timeshare. 1 week commencing Feb 2nd. 2 bed, 2 bath. £375pw Tel:01993 703 066

ARIZONA SCOTTSDALE

Luxury houses with heated pools

Tel 01624 880 860
or fax 01624 880 893

SAN DIEGO

Luxury condo overlooking golf course, lovely area near sea. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully equipped kitchen inc dishwasher, washing machine etc., lounge, patio with garden furniture, TV, telephone pool, spa, sauna & tennis. Easy reach Disneyland and Mexico £400 pw

tel 01274 670181

Florida VACATIONS

An Exclusive Selection of Villas and Apartments in 46 Areas (Flights To and From Regional Airports)

Phone for 1996 brochure now
01727 841330
AITO 1996

NEW ENGLAND
COUNTRY HOMES

A superb collection of coastal, lakeside & inland properties throughout New England.

FREE 136 PAGE BROCHURE CALL:
(01328) 856660 (24 Hrs)
Quote Ref. N227.
ATOL 2984

SPECIAL INTEREST

SHERPA EXPEDITIONS Walking Holidays

0181 577 2717 24 Hour Brochure Line

For Guided or Independent Walking, from the leisurely to the challenging, from the Cotswolds to Kanchenjunga

SPECIAL INTEREST

EXODUS The Different Holiday

Discovery · Overland · Walking · Biking

RING FOR BROCHURE 0181 673 0859 9 WEIR RD SW12

UK leaders in small group adventure holidays with over 20 years experience and the widest choice of trips; choose from 4 different brochures.

FULLY BONDED ATOL 2419 AITO

ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMPS

CAMP BEAUMONT

For CHILDREN & TEENAGERS

- Fun & Adventure
- Superb Facilities
- 15 Years' Experience
- Experienced Supervision

FREE VIDEO & BROCHURE

- Over 40 Activities for 3-17 yr olds
- Day & Residential Adventure Holidays

'2 FOR 1 OFFER'
Book 1 Child by 24th Feb & get 1 Child/Week FREE.
(On selected holidays)

CAMP BEAUMONT, FREEPOST LON 4105, London NW1 0YS
0171 724 2233 (24hrs)

HORSE RIDING HOLIDAYS £149

FULLY INCLUSIVE

Beginners to experienced riders, holidays for all. Free colour brochure.

NORTHUMBRIA HORSE HOLIDAYS
East Castle, Stanley, Co. Durham
Tel: (01207) 235354 / 230555

EARTHWATCH

Because tomorrow's world needs you today

- Track the elusive Snow Leopard
- Save Borneo's precious Rain Forests
- Search for Dinosaurs in Montana
- Record India's vanishing festivals

For details of how to join these exciting expeditions
Telephone: 01865 311600 please quote TT

Join Now - Membership only £25 ... Charity No.327017

WINTER SPORTS

SERRE CHEVALIER ski chalet, slps 14 all mod cons avail 1995/96 Tel.01962 299 562

JANUARY Bargains 20-27 Jan 1 week, Courchevel, Verbier £349 pp incl return flts & transfers fully catered chalet. Call Simply Ski 0181 742 2541

ST GERVAIS/ Megeve Lovely 3 bedrm chalet apt + 4 pers studio 01222 712178

SKI GOURMET exclusive Austrian Chalet or small French Alpine hotel. Fine food & wine no crowds. frm £470 / 1/bd Winetrails 01306 712111 atol

VAL D'ISERE, St Foy Chalet/apts Dec May. Inc Xmas N.Yr 01629 58890

VERBIER 3 bed apt, slps 6 modern, comfortable, very central Fr £450 pw 01494 488066

ALPINE Village.

Luxury chalet. Explore St. Foy, Les Arcs, Tignes, Val D'Isere, La Rosiere.

Tel/Fax:
0181 468 7504

MERIBEL

old savoie Chalet for hire. Self catered. Sleeps 6 - 10, lift 3 minutes walk, gentle 10 minutes to town. satellite TV/ hifi, separate studios for 2 available.

Tel: 0181 874 7217.

Tignes

2 bed ski duplex sleeps 6-8. lifts 100 yards. Rent/Sale. £400-£500 pw. or £55,000.
Available to April 96
Tel: 0802 151851/ 0171 6226920

U.K. HOLIDAYS

ROSS ON WYE Enjoy peace, tranquility & sheer luxury staying in one of our cottages at Wye Lea Manor. Set amidst 17 acres of beautiful parkland. Slp 2/6. Heated indoor pool, steam room, Jacuzzi, solarium, fitness centre, snooker, 2 floodlit tennis courts, salmon fishing, bar. Restaurant etc. Short breaks avail. Early/late season. Colour brochure/video 01989 562880

HIDEAWAYS

COUNTRY & COASTAL COTTAGES OF CHARACTER AND DISTINCTION
West Country, Wessex, the Heart of England and the South East.
FREE Colour Brochure
01747 828000
(24hrs)

Recommended throughout UK Cottages

Low DEPOSIT £29
01751 47 55 47
FREE HOLIDAY OFFER

Single? Over 30 or over 50?

- Hosted weekend breaks
- Activity or leisure
- Quality accommodation
- Dining & dancing
- Great fun & experiences
- Delightful company
- Two age groups (30-49 or 50-69)

0181 951 2811
Ring for a brochure.
Solo's Holidays Ltd. Dep No.DT
Solo's

YOUR KEY TO THE COUNTRY'S FAVOURITE COTTAGES FROM £26PP.

Get our new brochure and unlock over 2000 beautiful holiday properties. For a copy, call
01282445777
quoting DRK705
or see your travel agent.
BLAKES Cottages

CORNWALL & DEVON

CLASSIC COTTAGE Over 300 individually selected cottages in the West Country, just for the discerning. 1996 brochure 01326 565555

Cornish COTTAGE HOLIDAYS

Experience a cottage or farmhouse situated in beautiful rural/coastal/estuary locations. Superior selection. English Tourist Board Registered

BROCHURE 01326 564992 (24hrs) ENQUIRIES 01326 573803

EXMOOR COAST, LYNMOUTH

Stone built cottages & apartments with sea views. Beautiful woodland, gardens and exceptional river gorge. Quiet settings, yet only 4 mins walk to harbour & shops.

Tel: 01598 753207.
Glenlyn, Lynmouth.
N. Devon.

BUDE

2 miles idyllic house. Owners 2nd home. Slps 6, pretty gdn, tinkling stream, tennis, golf, surfing, cliff walks, col TV.
Tel: 01243 784026

U.K. HOLIDAYS

WALKING HOLIDAYS & WEEKENDS

- Guided walking at locations throughout Britain
- Small groups, experienced leaders
- Comfortable, quality hotels with ensuite accommodation

FOOTPATH HOLIDAYS (T)
16 Norton Bavant, Nr Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 7BB
Telephone: 01985 840049

Character COTTAGES A Special Selection of Hand-picked Cottages

- 1995 prices held on 1000's of Holidays and Short Breaks
- 1000's of cottages in beautiful locations throughout Britain, chosen for their charm and high quality

CALL US NOW FOR YOUR 1996 COLOUR BROCHURE, QUOTING REF DRC705
01282 445002

Fell Cottage.
(Offers staggering views.)

Just one of an unrivalled selection of quality holiday properties of exceptional character and individuality in England's loveliest areas. Choose from a thatched farmhouse in Devon, a cosy cottage in Norfolk – even a castle.

Free 428 Page Colour Brochure. Ring (01455) 852222 Quote Ref. E664 (24 Hrs) Or Write: English Country Cottages, Dept. E664, P.O. Box 18, Earl Shilton, Leicester LE9 7AY

The outstanding properties of English Country Cottages

CORNWALL & DEVON

A selection of hand picked cottages. Character Cottages 01282 445007 (LHC203)

CORNWALL & DEVON 142 cottages throughout. Reasonable prices. Tel 01752 260711

CORNWALL Specialists. Choose from over 330 cottages 01282 445726 (LRA 101)

FREE 184 pg guide to the best value cottages in Devon 01271 76322 (24hr)

COTTAGES & houses all over the West Country, over 400, lovely described/star rated in our brochure. Helpful holidays Coombe 61a, Chagford, Devon TQ13 8DF Tel 01647 433593

DEVON Specialists. Choose from over 430 cottages 01282 445726 (LRA 102)

MOUSEHOLE Delightful cottage near harbour & bungalow on St Ives Bay 01926 814647

THE LARGEST selection of Tourist Board inspected holiday homes in N. Devon. Marsden's Cottage Holidays. Dept 15, Braunton EX33 2JR 01271 813777 (24 hrs)

Toad Hall Cottages

100 outstanding waterside & rural properties in truly beautiful locations in Devon
Call for our highly acclaimed brochure
Video also available
01548 853089

Cornish Traditional Cottages

Self-catering cottages on both coasts of Cornwall and on Scilly
Send for your FREE brochure today or 'phone 01208 872558
LOSTWITHIEL, CORNWALL PL22 0HT
7 day Personal Service 9am-9pm

NORTH CORNWALL

High standard farm holiday cottages, in a delightful area, overlooking estuary and near to beaches. Rock, Polzeath
Sleeps 4 - 6
Every modern convenience.
01208 863290.

WEST COUNTRY

cottages, houses... even a fort!
Huge variety, vividly described/personally star-rated.
Free colour brochure
HELPFUL HOLIDAYS
Coombe 61a, Chagford, Devon, TQ13 8DF
(01647) 433593

COTSWOLDS

ABSOLUTE Comfort. Highly Commended Country Cottages. Winchcombe 01242 602390

A selection of hand picked cottages. Character Cottages 01282 445007 (LRC204)

COTSWOLD RETREATS. Quality self catering cottages in idyllic locations. Sleeps 2/9. Broch 01608 737222 / 684310

DORSET, HANTS., & I.O.W.

A selection of hand picked cottages. Character Cottages 01282 445007 (LRC210)

DORSET Specialists Choose from over 190 cottages 01282 445726 (LRA 110)

DREAM COTTAGES 1996 Brochure featuring cottages in Dorset/Devon 01305 761347

FEBRUARY SPECIAL

3 Nights from £79
Bed, Breakfast & evening meal
Large seafront hotel, entertainment, indoor pool, jacuzzi, solarium, sauna
* FREE CAR FERRY *
Sandringham Hotel
Sandown, Isle of Wight
Tel: 01 983 406655
* Easter 3 nights £99 *

IRELAND

IRELAND Specialists. Choose from over 100 cottages 01282446726 (LRA 108)

CO. CLARE Nr Spanish Point. Self contained flat in rural area, slps 5. Ideal touring base for The Burren etc. Board Failte approved. Also 4 bed farmhse nr village of Mullagh. Scenic walks, fishing & golf. Ideal for children. Tel 0171 272 7496

IRISH COUNTRY HOLIDAYS from the widest choice individual cottages, castles, hotels and farmhouses. Fishing, golf and River Shannon cruising. 01502 560688 (24 hrs)

SHAMROCK COTTAGES. 56 High St. Wellington, Somerset 01823 681060 Col Bro of 290 select houses. Disc Fare AITO

KERRY HOUSE

Banks of beautiful river, sensational views, golf, riding, fishing, walking. Sleeps 6. £400 pw.
Tel : 0171 603 5461 (H)
Tel : 0171 493 2903 (O)

HOLIDAYS AFLOAT

BRITAIN'S BEST BOATING

1996 BROCHURE

YOUR WIDEST CHOICE

For your widest choice of Boating Holidays on Britain's finest waterways, including Norfolk Broads, Canals, Cambridge, Thames and Scotland. From £75pppw. Short Breaks too! For your brochure Quote, JG06.

FREEPHONE 0800 520 520.
HOSEASONS

EAST ANGLIA

English Country Cottages

An unrivalled choice in Norfolk and Suffolk. Free 428 page colour brochure.
RING (01455) 852222
QUOTE E663 (24Hrs)

HOLIDAYS AFLOAT

BLAKES HOLIDAY Boating

NORFOLK BROADS, CANALS & RIVERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, SCOTLAND, IRELAND, FRANCE.

BOOK YOUR 1996 BOAT NOW FOR JUST £10 DEPOSIT!
+ CANCELLATION & PERSONAL INS.

PLEASE QUOTE REF 3007
DIAL A BROCHURE ANY TIME
☎ 01603 784458

LAKE DISTRICT

A selection of hand-picked cottages. Character Cottages 01282 445007 (LRC206)

CUMBRIAN COTTAGES 150 Lakeland Cottages '96 Brochure now available 01228 599950

LAKE District Specialists Choose from 375 cottages 01282 445726 (LRA 105)

RATHER SPECIAL COTTAGES in a secret corner of Southern Lakeland Tel 015395 36475

LONDON

SAVE Up To 50% on your London hotel bills. Quality hotels, all centrally located 2* to 5* from £28 0181 770 0123 The Hotel Directory.

NEW FOREST

CLOUD HOTEL Brockenhurst. Winter Weekends stay 2nts DBR, 3rd night free! Midweek Breaks 4 nts for 3 DBB. Panoramic views of the forest. Ideal place to relax & unwind. Log fires, excellent cuisine. Holiday cottage available May onwards. Tel 01590 622165

TYRRELLS FORD HOTEL Nr Ringwood. 4 Crowns highly comm. AA/RAC*** 18th C Manor House in 10 acres. AA Rosette for superb cuisine. Log fires, galleried lounge, luxury ensuite rms. Winter saver 2nts £83pp DBB 01425 672646

NORTHUMBRIA

SUPERB cottages Northumbria, Yorks Dales, Lakes, Peaks. Sykes Cottages (01244) 345700

NORTHUMBRIA HOLIDAY COTTAGES

Discover the best kept secret of the North East and enjoy a week or more, or take a short break, amongst idyllic scenery and beautiful beaches

New for 1996
Relaxing Short Breaks

Free 1996 Brochure
Call Now on
01200 444070
QUOTING REF NO DRD602

PEAK DISTRICT

A selection of hand picked cottages. Character Cottages 01282 445007 (LPC206)

"PEAK COTTAGES" Quality s/c accom. in Derbyshire Dales & Peaks. Brochure 01142 620777

SCOTLAND

ST ANDREWS Edinburgh B&B £25pn, s/c from £176pw Sroi Ihn Estate 01334 880251

A selection of hand-picked cottages. Character Cottages 01282 446007 (LRC207)

FORT WILLIAM area.

Exceptional West Coast farmhouse, decorated to a high standard. Set in own grounds, with superb loch views. Sleeps 7 with four bathrooms (2 en-suite). All amenities inc full central heating, colour TV etc.

Details 0171 736 4684.

AWAKE TO ISLE OF MULL

Comfortable Self Catering. 5 double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. House with idyllic Loch side surroundings. Private lens. £250 - £550 per week.

For Brochure ring
0171 225 0420
or write to 1-b Poynte Road, London SW11 5BH

U.K. HOLIDAYS

SCOTLAND

ISLE OF ISLAY

Gulf stream: cosy cottage in unique Conservation Area fishing village. STB 4 stars.

Tel 01223 359362
After 6pm

Country Cottages in Scotland

Exceptional holiday properties in the most beautiful areas of Scotland. From stone-built cottages and gamekeepers' lodges to historic mansions and grand ancestral homes.

FREE 76 PAGE COLOUR BROCHURE
RING (01328) 864011
QUOTE S387 (24 Hrs)

Or Write:
Country Cottages In Scotland,
Dept. S387, Fakenham,
Norfolk NR21 9NB.

SOMERSET & AVON

QUANTOCKS Family house F/Furn 4 bedrms. All mod cons, Aga, paddocks, hard tennis crt. Views over Bristol Channel & Quantock. Avail Spring & Summer, short lets. 01273 833662/01884 820691

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

ATTRACTIVE 17c Cottage idyllic waterside setting. Also barn conversion, tranquil rural situation. Swimming pool, tennis court, games room. For these and other quality character cottages in beautiful unspoilt areas of Devon. Toad Hall Cottages. Video also avail. 01548 853089

WALES

BEAUTIFUL colour brochure of quality properties around the splendid Welsh coast. Linen provided, pets welcome free. Quality Cottages 01348 837873

SNOWDONIA Victorian Manor AA**Rosette, magnificent peaceful location, superb cuisine, tempting special breaks. Dolserau Hall Dolgellau (01341) 422522

WALES Specialists Choose from over 400 cottages 01282 445726 (LRA 108)

BEACHSIDE

Pembs. So beautiful. Comfortable house with garden. 1/2 families. (not 20 July -31 Aug).
Brochure Lamplugh
0181 876 1838

A superb selection of quality character cottages in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. All properties furnished to the highest standards.

Phone now for free colour brochure
01239-881397 (24hrs)
PEMBROKESHIRE COAST & COUNTRY COTTAGES

Llovely Welsh Cottages

An unrivalled selection of quality holiday cottages in the best areas of Wales. Free 64 page colour brochure.
RING (01328) 851341
QUOTE W307 (24 Hrs)
Or Write: Welsh Country Cottages, Dept. W307, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 9NB.

YORKSHIRE

YORKSHIRE Specialists Choose from over 500 cottages 01282 445726 (LRA 109)

YORK HOLIDAY HOMES Superior s/c houses & flats in fantastic central locations. Sleep 2/6. Parking (01904) 641997

YORK City Centre. Book now. Special Jan/Feb offers - DB&B £29.50 or 3 nights £85. 7 nts £188. All facs. Car Park. Abbots Mews Hotel 01904 634866

A selection of hand-picked cottages. Character Cottages 01282 445007 (LRC209)

SUPERB cottages Yorks Dales, Northumbria, Lakes, Peaks. Sykes Cottages (01244) 345700

JINGLE POT LODGE
SWALEDALE

17th Century barn conversion retaining exposed beams
4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, (1 en suite) sleeps 6
Full Central Heating and open fire
Set on 1,000 ft contour with magnificent views over Swaledale
From £375 - £500 pw.
Tel: 01367 241151

TRAVEL

TO ADVERTISE CALL:
0171 481 1989 (TRADE)
0171 481 4000 (PRIVATE)
FAX: 0171 481 9313

ITALY

THE ART OF LIVING IN TUSCANY

Turn holiday living into a fine art, take one of our traditional Italian properties: farmhouses, villas and apartments in Tuscany, Umbria, Lake Garda, Sicily, Venice and the Amalfi coast. Many with pool. Travel facilities available.

FREE FULL COLOUR BROCHURE
RING (01798) 869421 QUOTE 1145

Or write: Vacanze in Italia, Dept. 1145, Bignor, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1QD.

VACANZE IN ITALIA

ALGARVE

near Tavira, privately owned 3 bedroom luxury villa/pool, beaches close by, beautiful secluded location, maid service.

Tel:
01883 343840

ALGARVE
ARMACAO DE PERA

Beautiful private villa to let. Sleeps 8, 4 double bedrooms all with bathrooms ensuite. Daily maid. Swimming pool, tennis court and delightful secluded garden. Sea only 2 kms. Available April to end October.

Tel: 01367 820857
Tel: 01367 240786

SPECIAL INTEREST

JOURNEY LATIN AMERICA
THE LATIN AMERICAN TRAVEL SPECIALIST
16 Devonshire Road, Chiswick, London W4 2HD

Escorted Groups and Bespoke Tours:
0181 747 8315

Low cost flights-only for independent travellers
Ring for quotation and Flights Bulletin:
0181 747 3108

Manchester office 0161 832 1441
FULLY BONDED ATOL 2828 ABTA Y2522 AITO IATA

GOZO
THE MED'S TREASURED ISLAND

As Gozo's only specialist tour operator we offer the best hotels, farmhouses (some with pool) and apartments. Diving.
For Summer '96 colour brochure phone 01923 282059
GOZO HOLIDAYS LTD
ABTA V3192 • ATOL 2296

SPAIN

PARADORES OF SPAIN

For the independent traveller to Spain, the Paradors provide the perfect insight to this fascinating country. Palaces, castles, converted historic buildings - all offer the highest standards of accommodation and cuisine.

For brochure, prices & reservations call KEYTEL INTERNATIONAL, the official UK agency.

0171 402 8182

CHECK-IN

USA & CANADA

FLORIDA YOUR WAY SUMMER '96
LUXURY 3/4 BEDROOM VILLAS & HOMES WITH PRIVATE POOLS
TWO WEEKS FR **£269** P.P. INCLUDING FLIGHTS WITH LAKER AIRWAYS & FREE CAR RENTAL
HURRY! LIMITED OFFER.
£5 DEPOSIT & INSURANCE
Open 7 days 01792 464646

YOU are the best person to create your perfect Italian holiday. Accommodation only, fly drive, multi-centre or standard holiday - it's up to you. See your travel agent or call us now quoting reference TL.

ITALIAN Escapades

24HR BROCHURE HOTLINE 01282 21 612

WINTER SPORTS

MERIBEL

old savoic Chalet for hire. Self catered, Sleeps 6 - 10, lift 3 minutes walk, gentle 10 minutes to town, satellite TV/ hifi, separate studios for 2 available.
Tel: 0181 874 7217

UK HOLIDAYS

SHAMROCK COTTAGES. 50 High St Wellington, Somerset 01823 681060 Col Bro of 280 select houses. Disc Fares AITO.

IRISH COUNTRY HOLIDAYS from the widest choice. Individual cottages, castles, hotels and farmhouses. Fishing, golf and River Shannon cruising 01502 560688 (24 hrs)

COTTAGE HOLIDAYS
FROM ONLY £25*
BIG NEW 1996 BROCHURE

1000's of quality cottages throughout the country - choose a short break from £61 or a week's holiday from £87 per cottage

MANY 1995 PRICES HELD - CALL TODAY FOR DETAILS
Quoting code DRA106
* PPPW based on 4 sharing an 'A' band property.

Country Holidays
Britain's favourite cottage holidays
01282 445721

TO ADVERTISE
CALL: 0171 481 1982
FAX: 0171 481 9313

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

A CARING Nationwide Introduction Agency. Personal service. Money back guarantee. Our clients say we're simply the best! Also on the Internet! New Day Introductions Tel 01706 224 049 or call Talking Pages 0800 600 900 anytime.

AMERICANS SEEK *friendship*, romance and marriage with British ladies & gentlemen! All ages! English Rose/English Connection, Romance House, 20 Albion Street Broadstairs Kent CT10 1LU. Tel 01843 863322 (24 hrs). *As featured on National Television*

CONNECT TWO An introduction register with a Christian section 012 8081 4451

CASCADE
from Worcester to Exeter, Swindon to Swansea, the region's most established Social events/groups for the professional background Single 30ish to 50ish. For membership details ... Howard or Jan 01495756309 any day (noon to 7pm) who will gladly tell you the full story and what you are missing ... great fun

CONNEXIONS *is the friendship club that puts single Christians in touch with each other. Don't delay ring 0181 9064467 today.*

HANTS Wilts & Dorset - For a discerning local service call Townliner 01962 860606

NEXUS Unattached? If Christmas wasn't all you hoped it would be there's time to change your lifestyle before Easter (holidays, walks, theatre trips and much much more). Ring for the brochure (01257) 471704 (0181) 367 6328 (0113) 2445186 (01869) 338801, (0141) 221 1090, (01202) 761006, (01286) 831099 or (0121) 472 1968 We're not a dating service or marriage bureau

London's professionals join Synergy. Month's free trial! Info tape 01812305306

HEDI FISHER Bureau. 25 successful years. Prof/ Business/ Media clientele. Quality service, affordable fees. A B.I.A member 0171 722 0744

HOLIDAY/TRAVEL partners club - new friends - new ideas. Call the Wayside Club for *details 01428 722832*

LOVELY Thai educated Ladies, introduced personally to you. *Colour brochure also videos.* Siam Introductions Estab 1985 Tel. 01689 860 880 (ans time)

PLUMP PARTNERS *National* Dating Agency. If you are plump or prefer a plump partner ring 01 362 715909

THE DINNER CLUB Singles dining and dinner dances nationwide. Tel (01244) 360537 or 548816. Franchises available.

RSVP Top Class Introductions. Beds 01234 870650 Cambs 01223 328205 Essex 01473 216655 Kent 01233 664159/ 01892 525560 Herts 01767 641259/01462742513 P'Bro 01733 311747 Surrey 01252 726216 Oxon 01865 790011

"THIS PICTURE Dating idea is brilliant" Capital Radio. for details call 0171 839 8884 (day) 0181 297 1424 (anytime) ABIA

UK's BEST singles magazine. Free details + Bargain Offer PERSON TO PERSON (Dept TM) PO Box 4 Goring RG8 9DN

WEEKEND breaks for single people includes dining and dancing. Contact Circuit UK - W.A. Tel/Fax 01244 316115. calls taken until 9pm

TRYST

A gentleman living in the West Country has retained me to search for a lady to share his life in marriage. An executive with an International Co., divorced and in his 40's. He is not a workaholic, very fit and active who enjoys country life. I consider him intelligent, honest, humorous, kind, caring, easy going and a genuine romantic. If you are slim, feminine, in your 30's or early 40's and also looking for that "special person" then contact Helen Spain of Tryst Introduction Bureau

01568 708554
Day / Evenings including Weekends
Or write to
Felmor House, Moor Meadow
Shobdon, Herefordshire HR6 9NT

CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED
NO FEE REQUIRED

LADIES

A Challenge to men!! why write to 1 when 1 phone call introduces you to over 300 attractive stylish ladies 25-69. West Mids. Warks. *0121 386 2234* Worcs. Hereford. Glocs. Avon 01594 836774 Shrops. Staffs Cheshire 01952 591941 We guarantee you will join!! When you see No 1 - Elite Introductions

A MAN *of many facets sought.* At home in a boardroom or country pub. Comfortable in Levi's or Saville Row. Appreciative at the National or school nativity. Unpretentious with feet on the *ground but able to dream* and grow. Sensitive, sensuous and caring yet ambitious and focused. A 43 yr petite prof successful workaholic. Hard headed and soft hearted. Completed MBO working on MBA *wants TLC. Knows difference* between needing & wanting. Acknowledges that success is enhanced by sharing. Surrey. Please Reply to Box No 2727

ATTRACTIVE, intelligent, professional female seeking a tall, professional male 50's. Apply with photo to Box No 2834

BEAUTIFUL woman, solvent, independent, active in antiques & films WLTM tall, sophisticated professional man 45-60 with London flat/house. Photo please to Box No 2724

CLASSY lady, slender, attractive, young 50 with cosmopolitan taste WLTM kind & cultured gentleman, N/S, with *GSOH. Photo to Box No 2831*

HUMOROUS slim blonde playwright, 40's seeks loving soulmate *(40-55), preferably* professional Box No 2837

ELEGANT *American svelt 5'5",* very attractive, early 40's, educated, solvent, enjoys arts, travel. Seeks serious relationship with slim, tall, N/S, attractive charming professional 46-53. London. photo please *Please Reply to Box No 2766*

CHRISTMAS parcel still to be opened, nice doll, tall, blonde, well put together, 40's vintage, well preserved, needs love & *care, likes travel, used to best* things in life. WLTM tall, slim, solvent refined gentleman 45-55, Solihull/Stratford. Please reply with photo to Box 2699

GENTLEMEN. New Year - New Start! Have a great social life by Valentine's Day! The professional agency for professional people. London/ Home Counties. Call 0171-823 8800/ 0589 084925. Elite Intro's. Est. 1989

I am looking for a man in a million with the million. Unique designer, 50, free to move anywhere in UK or abroad. Please *Reply to Box No 2815*

IS there a gentleman out there who would like to initially correspond *and eventually meet a* fun loving smart, newly retired widow. *Plse Reply Box No 2829*

INTENSELY *individual introductions* in London with Close Encounters - call Sue today 0171 229 3777

LIVELY, slim, attractive 52 yr divorcee with a love of skiing, *tennis, golf (beginner) cinema* & the good things of life WLTM entertaining affluent, unattached man aged 50-60 to share weekends, holidays & hopefully more. London/SE Photo Please Reply to Box No 2761

MEN it's simple - one Free call equals 963 eligible, attractive women, plus an active social *life at Close Encounters Cardiff,* Bristol, Bath, Cheltenham, Swindon, Salisbury, Reading 0800 141 141. Open every day

MORE Bermuda than Blackpool, more Chanel than C&A. Been *there, done that,* solvent Bath/Bristol blonde seeks 40+ romantic man for future escapades. Reply to Box No 2762

PRETTY, witty City lawyer, Jew*ish seeks successful educated* Gent 40's Reply to Box No 2912

WIDOW tall fair haired, slim, soft hearted would like tall kind, caring, intelligent, solvent man aged 50-63. Box No 2799

SLIM feminine prof 46 of wit/imagination seeks inspiration of successful, solvent, N/S, prof man 50-60 to enhance *already good life.* London/ Home Counties Box 2642

SOPHISTICATED, tall, slim, *attractive romantic brunette* prof., enjoys the arts, sport travel, good food WLTM kind, successful, cultured, fit prof business man 40's/50's. Photo plse London Box No 2798

THE man of my dreams has difficulty finding me. I am writing this to help him. Greek, attractive, vivacious, kind, honest, university *lecturer 40 something* London/South East. Photo welcome *Box No 2805*

VERY tall attractive lady N/S, loves travel, music sports, theatre, WLTM gentleman over 6'2", with GSOH, *interests (40-55) to share interests. Surrey/* Hants/W. Sussex. *Please reply* with photo to Box No 2747

TRADITIONAL yet modern professional, but care giving 49 yr brunette, E Sussex. WLTM gentleman 46-60 enjoying opera, wine & food, with a sense of adventure. Box No 2817

WOMAN with everything but the means. Stylish, dazzling, warm, sparkling intellect seeks committed music *& sunshine lover* (preferably with Israeli connection), 50-60 for concerts, companionship & caring. Must be healthy, wealthy & wise. Photo please to Box No 2797

ZZZzzz *Wake up! Close Encoun*ters is open Saturday and Sunday. Call free 0800 141 141

WOMAN *of means, stylish* petite, dazzling (and her smile), sparkling intellect seeks committed music lover *40-60 for* concerts & companionship London. Must be healthy wealthy & wise. Please Reply with photo to Box No 2616

AAAIRLINE executive often in Edinburgh/London solvent, good looking early 40's. WLTM slim attractive lady with GSOH for dinner, conversation, great evenings, travel & country pursuits. Photo ensures reply. Reply to Box No 2627

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

TRYST

Tryst is a Nationwide Introduction Bureau (Est.8yrs) especially for The Executive, Professional and Business Person for Marriage or Friendship.
I interview and subsequently guide you through your membership year and care about you in a professional but friendly way.
Contact Helen Spain on 01568 708554
Day/Eves, inc wk/ends
or write: Felmor House, Moor Meadow, Shobdon, Herefordshire HR6 9NT.

BRISTOL & EXETER
Caroline Crowther
Exclusive introductions in the West Country.
0117 9735877.

SATURDAY RENDEZVOUS

Perfect Harmony
DINING CLUB

For Single Business and Professional People. Join us at or Dinner party at the ***Sheraton Hotel, Belgravia, SW1, on Saturday, 13th January*** *and make new friends of the opposite sex*
PHONE 01923 840441

DUET
Introduction Bureau
Est.1989
Successfully brings together discerning, unattached people for exclusive introductions in the S.E. All Interviews conducted personally
Telephone East Grinstead
(01342) 317081

GENTLEMEN

ADVENTUROUS author, muscular seeks sylph with attitude. Please Reply to Box No 2685

ACHALLENGE to ladies!! why write to 1 when 1 phone call introduces you to over 300 attractive, stylish men 25-69 all *live Midlands. We guarantee* you will join. Elite 0121 386 2234

"A HAPPY *New Year" could* be yours. London based gentleman, tall, very presentable, comfortable, early 50's widower, wide interests, seeks that very special lovely lady for exciting times to spoil and pam*per. Sae, photos returned.* Please Reply to Box No 2569

A Happy New Year - my resolution is to find a beautiful, intelligent and humorous lady (age 45 plus) who, like me, is unattached, N/S and living in London to share dining, romance and travel. Please send photograph to Box 2617

A NEW meaning to life this year. Optimistic man & dog seek friendship and romance with warm, feminine lady, hopefully slim, attractive, n/s, fortyish, capable, homeloving and pref. *no lies. Him - outrageously* handsome, intelligent, appreciative of cooking skills and rural pursuits. Me - quite similar but 6', slim, very young 50, solvent, more responsible but just as much fun. Sincere replies *plase, recent photo appreciated* and exchanged. Box No 2673

ATTRACTIVE warm sensual *professional male (40's) (feeling* still slightly fragile but out of intensive care) seeks warm, tactile female (SOH) (30-60). SE/ London. Photo plse Box 2756

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS
ONE *for* ONE
Introductions & Social Events
National FreeFone:
0800 141 141

WANTED
21st Century Men together enough to wine & dine with elegant ladies at Londons top restaurants.
Call Eleanor or Ingrid on 01442 879874 or 0181 671 0455
Exclusive Social Dining Club

ZZZzzz Wake up! Close Encoun*ters is open Saturday and Sunday.* Call free 0800 141 141.

CARING chap seeks winter warmer, I'm 49, *tall, intelligent,* successful and Surrey based. Interests travel, cycling, hill walking and all things civilized. You are intelligent, slim, attractive and fun. For a warm reply, write with photo Box No 2669

DOCTOR, romantic, well travelled, WLTM educated & cultured lady 26-33 of any nationality Box No 2628

DO you come here often? Neither do I... But I will for that woman in a million. T.D.H., sporty, artistic man 35, with thirst for life seeks woman with a spark *(and a photo): Location, age,* colour, children? All bring opportunities, not problems. Please Reply to Box No 2597

FUN in the sun. Blind date opportunity to accompany a fun, sporty Surrey based executive on a prestigious trip to the Carribean. Do you have a great *SOH & adventure? Are you* fortyish & attractive? This could be a great beginning. Corny letter & photo plse. Box No 2775

FUNNY, attractive intelligent London lady 30's/40's, sought by similar Europe based professional to enjoy weekends, shows, dinners, galleries, fun, etc. I'm mid 40's, divorced, with a further recently broken *heart, and, at the minute just* want some fun - not marriage. Things may develop when I'm back UK based later this year. Please reply *Box No 2818*

KATHARINE ALLEN
established 1960 Incorporating The Marriage Bureau Heather Jenner established 1939
"*Highly respected*" Independent
"*Made to measure*" S Telegraph
"*Less random, more private*" Client
18 Thayer St, London W1M 5LD
Tel: 0171 935 3115

Dateline
"The U.K.'s largest agency..."
THE INDEPENDENT
For free details in absolute confidence: Dept N, Dateline, 23 Abingdon Rd, London W8 6AL
0171 938 1011

GOOD LOOKING guy, 5'11", *N/S, young 41, fit, intelligent &* stylish, well traveled, solvent. This *prof* man enjoys good food, music, golf, cycling, fun, laughter & romance WLTM positive, adventurous, intelligent lady (SOH) to share life's *pleasures Herts/ Bucks/Beds.* Photo appr. Box No 2753

GOOD LOOKING, successful & *intelligent guy, GSOH thirties,* seeks soulmate for friendship & romance. Reply for full details *W. Mids/S West Box No 2736*

HANDSOME architect. Born in the Caribbean, grew up in *London. 39 years old. 6'2" tall,* slender, fair complexion, sophisticated and very health conscious, very warm and kind nature. Have home in Florida and London. Seeks attractive, slender, health conscious and *must have sophistication female* for a serious relationship. Please send photo. Reply to Box No 2432. Thankyou.

HANDSOME tall single professional, 30. Likes dining out, cinema, pubs, music, travel and playing sports. Seeks intelligent, practical lady (25-35) to share good times & cuddles. *London/SE. Photo appreciated.* Please Reply to Box No 2602

HANTS male 36, seeks female (27-35) for good conversation over fish & chips or smoked salmon. Reply to Box No *2728*

HAPPILY romantic & active American male Anglophile, 60's, GSOH, WLTM woman *45-55 for lasting relationship.* I've a caring nature & greatly value thoughtfulness & sincerity. Not rich - not poor. N/S, GSOH, very presentable, varied interests ... & not nearly so stiff and stodgy as this ad sounds! *Box No 2696*

HAPPY and 39. Energetic, sensitive, art-loving, n/s, single PLC Director has many wonderful friends but missing that special lady in his life. Thames Valley *Please Reply to Box No 2684.*

INTENSELY individual introductions in London with Close Encounters - *call Sue today* 0171 289 3777.

HUMOROUS and caring, suc*cessful academic publisher,* 40's, drawn to late parenthood. WLTM articulate woman of like mind. Photos returned. Please Reply to Box No 2836

LADIES. New Year - New Start! Have a great social life by Valentine's Day! The professional agency for professional people London/ Home Counties. Call *0171-823 8800/ 0589 084925.* Elite Introductions. Est. 1989.

JEEVES HOLIDAY CLUB
for the single traveller
GRENADA - WEST INDIES
A House party style holiday in a lovely beachside private villa.
£895 fully inclusive
31st Jan - 15th February
Please ring 01778 560833
for further details on
Grenada and other holidays.

LADIES it's simple - one free call *equals 830 eligible, attractive* men, plus an active social life at Close Encounters Cardiff, Bristol, Bath, Cheltenham, Swindon, Salisbury, Reading. Call 0800 141 141. Open every day.

LIBRAN lad 50, 6ft, seeks quiet n/s lass of shape and wit, 38+ *for simple London pleasures.* Photo? Reply to Box No 2115

LATE 60's or perhaps 70ish woman sought by slightly younger retired professional man. Surrey/Sussex/Kent. Please Reply to Box No 2611

LIBRAN lad 50, 6ft, seeks quiet n/s lass of shape and wit, 38+ for simple London pleasures. Photo? Reply to Box No 2804

LONDON media-man, fledgling (plumage intact), 40's, inconsequentially successful, wishes to *dawdle with clever, creative,* sparkling, sensuous, adventurous woman wishing for appreciative *male* with whom to share reflections, adventures, conversation, fun, wine gums, swimming pools, sometimes *silence, and eventually perhaps,* a duvet. Please Reply to Box No 2729

LOTTERY of love. Creative, capable, caring 58 yr widower, based S Oxon, with high per*sonal standards & many inter*ests (antiques, architecture, countryside, DIY, gardens, music, walking, etc.) seeks homeloving, N/S lady of similar age to share the future. To enter, please reply to Box No *2767. It could be you!*

MANY ATTRACTIVE Ladies in -The Midlands' Exclusive Hospitality Company, extensive social events calendar. Tel Exclusive Co. 01564 776200

NORTHWEST Solicitor 33, single, tall, R.C. with Irish roots, seeks tall, slim lady who can laugh at *herself*, to share holidays, walking, arts, sport and *quality life style with view to* settling down to traditional fam*ily life* Reply to Box No 2739

PARTNERSHIP. Relationship. Commitment, tall slim dark N/S WLTM lady 30's or 40's for above. London Box No 2791

ORIENTAL girlfriend romantic *loving sought by London Eng*lish professional 41, 6 ft, slim, N/S for long lasting relationship. Reply to Box No 2712

QUIET professional man, tall, 52, widower, seeks companionable *lady. Thoughtful letter please* Berks. Reply to Box No 2757

GAY man, tall, hirsute, nonscene, manly, 60, London seeks caring younger man (18-35) for affectionate commitment. Non *Smoker. Reply to Box No 2819*

THE TIMES
cannot guarantee that respondents will receive a reply when answering advertisments on this page, although we hope that as a matter of courtesy they will. When making contact with people for the first time it is advisable to meet in a public place and let a member of your family or a trusted friend know where you will be.

We would advise readers and advertisers to exercise caution when giving out personal details. This will be respected by genuine respondents.

PROFESSIONAL Male 38, Sussex based, WLTM his future Soulmate. Me fit, solvent (own business) well traveled and in love with life. Would suit fun loving 25-35 *year old* with GSOH and willingness to travel the world *(from New York to the Cook Islands). Please Reply* with photo to Box No 2564

ROMEO seeks his Juliet *(or for modernists Curley seeks his* Raquel!). Romeo: late 20s, South Coast, own business, hard working, occasional hedonistic streak, free church background (but no extremist). Enjoys eating out/weekends *away/nights in/cinema/* theatre/arts/current affairs/ countryside/etc. Offers loyalty integrity, intelligence and sense of humour. Juliet: mid twenties to mid thirties. Intelligent but not necessarily academic, confi*dent and outward going but not* brash, a serious approach to life but a sense of humour too, any denomination/genuine agnostic. Romeo believes (of course) in true romance and seeks an equal partner for mutual support/stimulation and to bring out the best in each other. Please Reply to Box No 2662

SUCCESSFUL, active, 29, looking for someone special. I'm in Wilts, where are you? Please *Reply to Box No 2776*

SINCE splitting up with my wife nearly 18 months ago, I have *lived on my own just south of* Birmingham. Whilst I am not unhappy living alone, and have made several friends in the area & have a number of leisure activites - I like going out to the cinema, horseracing, theatre, dining out, parties, etc., I also like quiet nights in - I now feel there is a gap in my life that can only be filled by a *nice lady* who, perhaps, is also looking for someone who wants to offer her care and affection. I am 42 yrs old and I believe I am easy going and have a sense of humour. I would like to meet somebody *who is easy to talk to* and also has a sense of humour, someone who not only would share my interests, but who may also have others that I can share. *Reply to Box No 2722*

WARM, classy, vivacious & sensuous woman sought by discerning, good looking & successful company director. *My ideal lady would be aged* 30-38, 5'2" to 5'6", non smoking, intelligent, caring, fit, energetic & fun loving. I'm a winner yet sincere, kind, considerate, honest & humorous. (modest too!). If you're *from Derby/ Notts/ Sheffield* area, into motor racing, skiing, good food & traveling, have few ties or can juggle your life & would like to share friendship, sensuality & romance. Please write with photo & phone num*ber if possible to Box No 2764*

ALL BOX NUMBER REPLIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
BOX No:- .....
c/o THE TIMES NEWSPAPERS LTD
P.O.BOX 3553,
VIRGINIA ST.
LONDON, E1 9GA

COUNTRY PARTNERS

Well respected service for professional people nationally. All members interviewed.
Heather Heber Percy
01432 851441
(ABIA recognised code of practice by office of fair trading)

VIRGINIA CHARLES

The exclusive introduction agency for people of quality and integrity.
The Old Brewery, Burford, Oxon OX18 4SG.
Tel: (01993) 824500

The Intelligent Person's Introduction Agency
The Local service operating Nationwide
for the intelligent, articulate and well educated
Join the Largest agency with personal interviews on [illegible]
24 hour information Freefone 0800 [illegible] brochure line
Ask for your Free CD or Tape

London	North West	Scotland	North East
0171 [illegible]	01625 [illegible]	0131 [illegible]	0191 [illegible]
South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire	East Midlands
0117 942 9500	0121 704 [illegible]	01904 [illegible]	0115 [illegible]

FREEPOST [illegible] London [illegible] Office hrs [illegible] to [illegible] 7 days week

Sara Eden
London
0171-499-9626
Windsor
01753-830350
(Both 24 Hours)

"A file of grateful letters and a wall full of Wedding Photographs"
INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY

"Beautiful friendships start here" DAILY MAIL

Est. 1983 Head office: Eden House, Thames St, Windsor, SL4 1PR. Member ABIA

Verve
INTRODUCTIONS
RING NOW FOR DETAILS
0800 413 473
EXCLUSIVE INTRODUCTIONS FOR DISCERNING PROFESSIONALS IN YOUR AREA
Verve is a trademark of [illegible] Solutions Ltd

COMING SOON...
more successes from
Candlebarrows
Will you be one of them?
Personal Introductions and relaxed social occassions for attractive, professional people.
Please call Cheryl Brown
0171 371 5535
Est 1990

THE FIRST AND ONLY AGENCY ON INTERNET
DINNER DATES
Too busy to organise your social life? Then why not join our Dinner Parties, Buffets, Ski holiday in Verbier (March), Health farm and tennis & golf weekends, clay pigeon shooting & other events.
0181 741 1252 (London) 0181 658 9441 (S.E.)
Est. 7 years As featured on BBC's Food & Drink 7,000 mbrs.
Run by Media Personality, Agony Aunt & Author Billie Marshall.

drawing down *the* moon
THE THINKING PERSON'S INTRODUCTION AGENCY
"the agency people rave about"
COSMOPOLITAN
Adam & Eve Mews, Kensington
0171-937 6263
24 hours
ABIA code supported by Office of Fair Trading. Est 1984

HUDDERSFIELD	SUSSEX	CAMBS.	KENT	CHESHIRE	HERTS	NORTHANTS	BUCKS & OXON	READING
DERBY	01903 211100	01223 328205	01233 664153	01625 533144	01462 742513	01536 420231	01908 505656	LONDON

Celebrities to Secretaries
The EXECUTIVE *Club*
4 Park Place St James's London SW1A

Since 1985 people of quality have been introduced through our exclusive social events and superb introduction service. We invite membership to complement almost certainly the largest selection of unattached professionals in the UK.

● *Social events* ● *Personal introductions*

ASSOCIATE OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE UK
0171 499 8833

BRISTOL	BATH	TUN. WELLS	LEICESTER	NOTTINGHAM	MANCHESTER	SHEFFIELD	RUGBY	YORK
0117 [illegible]	01225 [illegible]	01892 525500	0116 282 5050	0115 979 9015	0161 832 2580	0114 235 2800	01536 42023[illegible]	01904 [illegible]

zygosis the bringing together
THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S INTRODUCTION AGENCY
Professional people often don't meet their ideal partner in their current social circle.
That's where Zygosis can help.
We are highly selective, operate nationally, are confidential, discreet and produce results.
We look forward to your call.

LONDON	GLASGOW	EDINBURGH
0171 629 6979	0141 849 0201	0131 556 5655
YORKSHIRE	NORTH EAST	MIDLANDS
0113 245 8787	0191 261 2224	0990 143078
NORTH	SOUTH WEST	SOUTH EAST
01625 582800	01225 858514	01622 691200

Discover the romance of The Times.

Ever considered looking for Mr or Ms Right in our Saturday Rendezvous section? Over 32% of our readers are single, widowed, divorced or separated. Maybe one of them would like to share their life - and their paper - with you.

The cost of an advertisement is normally £6.50 per line plus VAT and a Box No. charge of £10.00 plus VAT (minimum 3 lines, approximately 4 words per line, please allow 1 line for the box no.) for 1 Saturdays insertion.

SPECIAL OFFER!

Until further notice, when you book your advertisement for 2 consecutive Saturdays you will only be charged £4.50 per line + VAT each week and a single box no. charge of £10.00 + VAT.

A 30% Discount For 2 Weeks Advertising!

To advertise call 0171 481 1066 Fax: 0171 782 7899 or return the coupon below.

NAME ____________________

ADDRESS ____________________

POST CODE ____________ TEL (DAY) ____________

ACCESS ☐ VISA ☐ AMEX ☐ CARD NO. ____________

EXPIRY DATE ____________ SIGNATURE ____________

This offer is open to private advertisers only. Please attach your wording and send to: Saturday Rendezvous, Classified Advertising, Times Newspapers Limited, Level 5, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9BL.

MEET SOMEONE THROUGH THE TIMES
Source: NRS Jan-June 94

[هكذا من الأصل]

مكتبة الأهرام

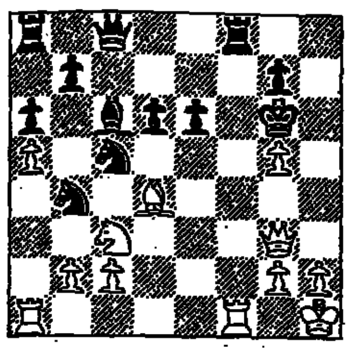
GAMES

CHESS

by Raymond Keene

HERE are the answers to the Christmas quiz.

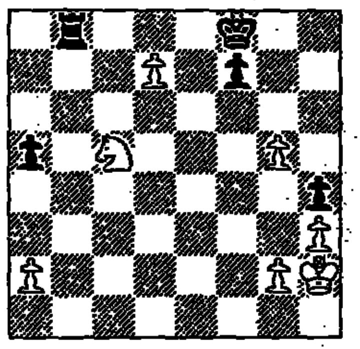
Position 1



In this position, White has sacrificed a piece for an attack but it now looks as if he has run out of steam. What is the best way for White to break the deadlock and crash through against the black king?

Solution: 1 Rf6+ gxf6 2 gxf6+ Kh5 3 Qh3+ Kg5 4 Rf1 Qd7 and now the problem move 5 Rf4 is the fastest way to mate though 5 Qg3+ followed by Rf4 also does the trick.

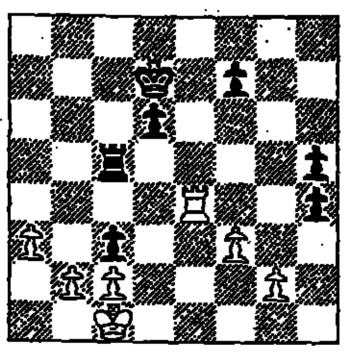
Position 2



This game created a sensation in the summer when the young Dutch Grandmaster Jeroen Piket defeated the world champion, Garry Kasparov. By this stage Kasparov had already resigned the game. What was the winning coup that he had foreseen?

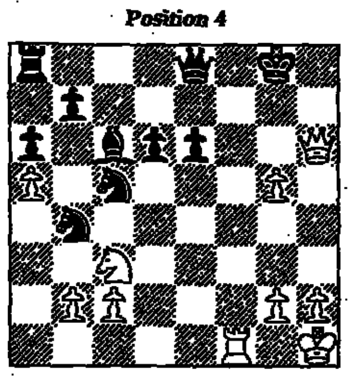
Solution: 1 Nb7 Ke7 2 d8/Q+ *Rxd8* 3 Nxd8 *Kxd8 4 g3* with a winning king and pawn endgame for White.

Position 3



Solution: 1 b4 creating two connected passed pawns gives excellent winning chances. *In the* game Anand played 1 Rxh4 when Black held on for a draw.

Position 4



Here White has sacrificed two pieces to proceed with his attack against the black king.

Solution: 1 Rf6 is the cleanest kill, for example 1 ... Rc8 2 Rg6+ Qxg6 3 Qxg6+ Kh8 4 Qh6+ Kg8 5 g6 Rc7 6 Qh4 threatening both Qd8+ and Qxb4 and if 6 ... *Rg7* 7 Qd8 is mate. From the diagram position White can also play 1 g6 Qe7 2 Rf7, but it is far more laborious.

The winner of the Christmas Winning Move puzzle and six magnums of Moët and Chandon champagne is Dr H.G. ApSimon of Frimshaw, Surrey. The winner of the *Christmas quiz* is A. Jennings of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. The runners-up will shortly be receiving prize copies of my book about the world championship, Kasparov v. Short.

WINNING MOVE

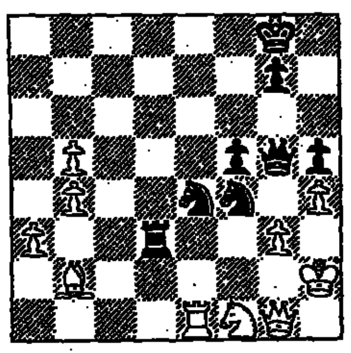
By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Smyslov - Kosten, Hastings Premier 1988. Hastings always *provides opportunities for British* players to challenge the world's greats. Here we see Tony Kosten about to play a winning combination against ex-world champion Vassily Smyslov. Black to move.

Send your answers on a postcard to *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine publication. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Last week's solution: Nf6

Last week's winners: T G Varga, *Holyhead, Gwynedd;* A Wilson, Sutton Coldfield; T and D Rollins, London SW6.



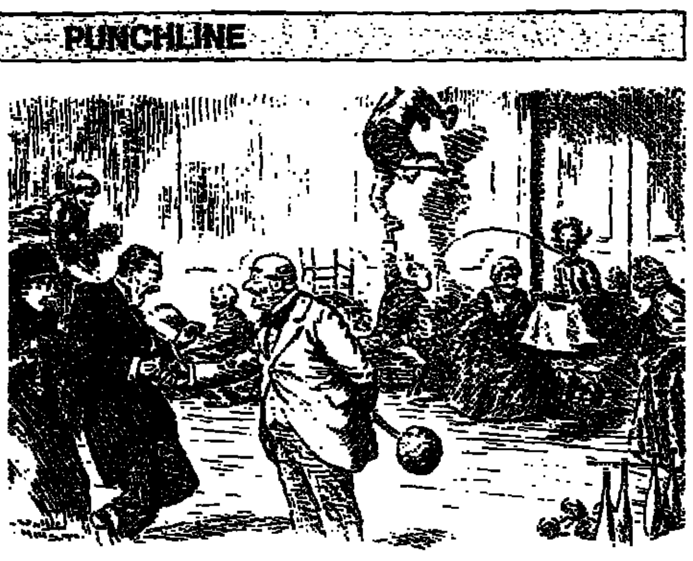
PUNCHLINE

READERS *are invited to write an* amusing caption for the cartoon, above. The cartoon, from the *Punch library, includes the* contemporary caption.

The caption will be printed again next week on the Games page *with a caption selected from* those submitted.

Send caption suggestions on a postcard with your name *and address to: Cartoon caption* (91), Weekend Games Page, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN

The editor's decision is final. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, January 17.



THE METCHNIKOFF MOVEMENT.

[illegible]

"My husband wears the trousers in this house — behind his apron, of course"

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by Maurice Taylor of Shrewsbury

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

WHACKO
a. Caning at Charterhouse
b. Bully beef
c. Excellent

SETTECENTO
a. The 18th century
b. The Florentine aristocracy
c. A 60-gun galley

SEKT
a. An evangelical sect
b. A freelance band
c. German champagne

WILIWILI
a. A Rocky Mountain wind
b. A *female* ghost
c. An orange shrub

Answers on page 11

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

THIS is a hand from the 1995 Macallan International Pairs. What contract would you like to be *in on the North-South cards?*

Dlr South North-South game IMP's

♠AK104
♥A9
♦10
♣AK10984

N
W E
S

♠Q52
♥KJ86
♦AKJ83
♣Q

Contract: 7NT by South
Lead: seven of clubs

You have ten tricks in aces kings and queens, and if the clubs come in (about 54 *per cent*). 7NT *is there* in top tricks. If the clubs don't divide, you need favourable lies in the other suits, but I think the chances there add up to more than enough to make a grand slam worth bidding. At IMP scoring you only need about a 57 per cent chance.

How would you play 7NT on a club lead? Best is to win in hand, *and play queen and ace of spades.* Then test the clubs, throwing a diamond and a spade from hand. East turns out to hold the guarded jack of clubs and a doubleton jack of spades.

You now have only 11 top tricks. You need one red finesse to make the twelfth, and a squeeze for the thirteenth. It is a toss-up which red queen you should assume East *holds. However, correct technique* is to cash two top cards in one red suit before returning to dummy to *take the two spade winners. Then* you take the finesse in the other red-suit and hope East has been *squeezed.*

Two declarers arrived at the position above after testing clubs, *but they both misplayed when they* took the diamond finesse without cashing their outside winners first: *The finesse won but the entries had* been removed for the squeeze. The full hand was:

	♠AK104 ♥A9 ♦10 ♣AK10984	
♠9863 ♥Q1052 ♦652 ♣72	N W E S	♠J7 ♥743 ♦Q974 ♣J653
	♠Q52 ♥KJ86 ♦AKJ83 ♣Q	

Had the declarers cashed ace and king of hearts before playing off the spades, in the four-card ending East would have been squeezed — *he would not have been able to* keep both the jack of clubs and four diamonds.

● *The 1996 Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship, in association with* The Times *and* The Sunday Times, *will be played at The White House Hotel, Albany Street, London NW1, on January 24, 25 and 26. Tickets from The Macallan Box Office, 31 Queens Road, Mortlake, London SW14 8PH. For information, telephone 0181-878 5844.*

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

by Tim Wapshott

ONE of Channel 4's longest running *successes, which has* been around since the station first went on air, is a humble afternoon quiz *series. Despite costlier competition,* the word and number game *Countdown*, hosted by Richard Whitely, *has constantly featured in the* station's top ten over the years.

As readers who played the *Countdown game in The Times* in 1994 will know, it is simple enough. Two contestants select random *consonants and vowels then, as the Countdown* clock quickly ticks down to its irritatingly catchy *jingle, they must make the longest* valid word possible. Alternatively, in another round, *they must incorporate selected numbers to arrive* at a randomly generated total.

Because of its time-slot, the quiz has proved a cult hit with university students. Now, instead of playing along at home, you can square up to the game for yourself. The first of three PC versions of **Countdown** has been developed by Lockton Software for DOS, and is on floppy disc and CD-Rom.

You can play against the computer or a human player. The game has three levels and both practice *and competition modes. In keeping* with the style of the show, the game *has* a garish *studio* clock and *that* tune, as well as a Dictionary Corner *where obscure words are* defined and a numbers genius shows where your *maths could be improved.*

Also in the **Countdown** pipeline are two add-on variations. *One will let you play* against past champions in the games used in the final; *the other will let you test* your word power using a French, Spanish or German *dictionary.*

A more modest budget title, which offers simple word and number *games, is* Cosmi's **5 Games** compendium for Windows. In **Spell Master** you are presented with up to 15 letters with which to create words of either four or five letters against the clock.

Symcal *is a mathematical* game of logic featuring international flags of varying values. Equations must be *solved* by deducing the value of the flags. **Crib** is a faithful version of the six-card game, in *which two players battle it out to* get 121 points first. The last two are **Memory Master**, a picture-pairing challenge, and **The Cube**, an adaptation of the Eighties cube craze matching colour faces on six sides.

Whitely's *Countdown* comes to the PC

A reminder that the countdown is underway for our first competi*tion of the year, Cyberspace Twenty.* This offers two top prizes of *Canon BJC-70 colour* bubble jet printers, worth around £250. Our winners, *plus ten runners up, will also* receive Brøderbund's **Kids Pix Studio** on CD-Rom, *which crackles with creativity.*

To enter you must predict *three key events for the year;* serious or humorous and of a personal, national or inter*national nature. You should* explain your reasons for your forecasts with clarity.

The *competition is open to* all ages and you must include your name, age, address and home telephone number. Entries should arrive by midnight on January 23 and be sent to: Cyberspace Twenty, Computer Games and Pastimes, Weekend, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. You may also fax entries on 0171-729 6791. *Illegible* entries will be disqualified and the judges will not enter into correspondence.

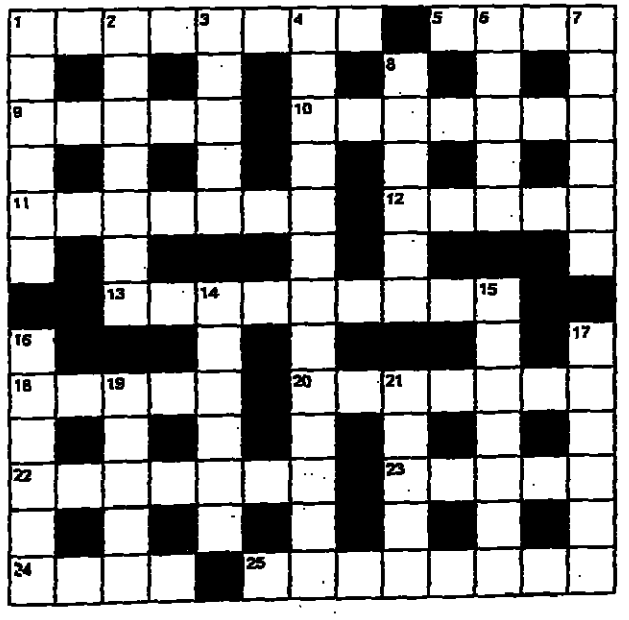
Finally, another new title exploring words and numbers is Sierra's multimedia gem aimed at children *aged seven and eight* (Key Stage 2).

English and Maths is a neatly *crafted interactive journey hosted* by a friendly alien character called Adi. The title comes on two discs. *The first is more fun-oriented and* set in Adi's house, a silly place with crazy pets and game diversions. *The second disc takes users to Adi's* College of Knowledge, where the real work begins with a quiz-*format approach* to English and maths and 1,500 questions based on the National Curriculum. The *subjects tested include* spelling, writing, reading and language plus numbers, computations, measuring, patterns and algebra.

Correct answers are rewarded with appearances by a cockerel and bright sound effects. After each exercise parents can call up a score screen to learn where children are excelling or falling behind and in need of encouragement. There are also animated lessons, *multimedia* presentations and a creativity toolbox in which children can make their own multimedia presentations or try out their improved word-power by keeping a journal.

"*What does Crustimoney Proseedcake mean?*" said Pooh. "For I am a Bear of Very Little Brain, and *long words Bother me.*"

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



No 677

ACROSS
1 Torrent of criticism (8)
5 Sink stopper (4)
9 RU formation; mêlée (5)
10 Rough-skinned pear (7)
11 Stalemate (7)
12 Nottingham river (5)
13 24 hours ago (9)
18 Garden-pest insect (5)
20 A spendthrift (7)
22 Professional, personal colleague (7)
23 With mouth open (5)
24 Cheese skin (4)
25 Close (to) (8)

DOWN
1 Vaporise/condense (to purify) (6)
2 Wither through disuse (7)
3 Rome's co-founder; story-telling Uncle (5)
4 A. Huxley horrible-future novel (5,3,5)
6 Holiday; depart (5)
7 Development, increase (6)
8 Customary (*poet*) (6)
14 *Short* track off main-line (6)
15 An amount (of material): use of (cattle) space (7)
16 Hinder; basket (6)
17 Flowing easily (6)
19 A Great Lake (5)
21 La —, Milan opera-house (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 676

ACROSS: 5 Up and running 8 Emblem 9 Renown 10 Nash 12 Hexagon 14 Recover 15 Kern 17 Svelte 18 Exhale 20 *Repercussion*

DOWN: 1 Outmanoeuvre 2 Pall 3 Quarter 4 Inundate 6 Dome 7 Newfoundland 11 Shoulder 13 Defence 16 Zeus 19 Hail

AKOM LIMITED IS NOW OFFERING READERS OF THE TIMES FREE DELIVERY OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW AT STANDARD RETAIL PRICE — OFFER APPLIES UK ONLY.

TIMES WORLD ATLASES. 9th Comprehensive Edition £85, 7th *Concise Edition* £45 3rd Family Edition £17.99, *Reference* Edition £12.99, Compact Edition £8.99, Mini (Pocket) Edition £5.99 ALSO The Times World History (PB) £13. The Times Atlas of World History (HB) £40, Concise TIMES THEMATIC ATLASES: The Times Atlas of European Edition (PB) £14.99, Compact Edition (HB) £9.99. The Times Atlas of the Second World War (HB) (NEW 50th History (HB) £25, The Times Atlas of the Second World War (HB) (NEW 50th Anniversary Edition) £27.50. The Times Atlas of Archaeology (HB) £35. The Times London History Atlas (HB) £22.99.

Send cheques with order payable to Akom Ltd 51 Manor Lane, London SE13 5QW. Delivery to 8 days. Tel. 0181-852 4575 (24hrs) No credit cards.

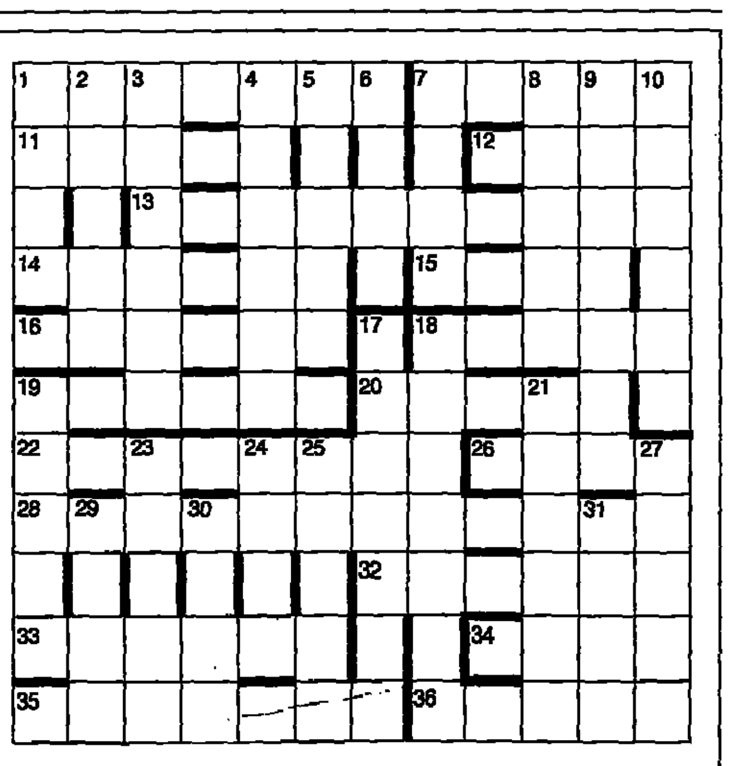
THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

No. 3340: A Colour Symphony by Bandmaster

ACROSS clues and all answers are normal. Each down clue contains one redundant word but is otherwise normal. The *redundant words, in clue order, form ten definitions* (*one of three* words, the rest of two) of words or phrases which solvers may identify as an interlinking (but asymmetric) pattern within the completed grid. All conflicts in the pattern should be treated as being resolved in the natural way. All words and phrases are in the latest editon of *Chambers English Dictionary*, except for 28A (in previous editions of *Chambers* and *OED*).

ACROSS
1 *Block school's reverse and bounce back* (7)
7 Individual type? Dredging-box has no trademark (5)
11 You and me, united, with endless beverage — drink! (5)
12 *Dropping tax to shoo away bankruptcy — it sounds* meaningless (4)
13 Paper replaces England's leader in *hunt for minor* potentate (10)
14 The soul guides countrymen (6)
15 *Support's lacking for the foundation* (4)
16 Time to drink tea — a traditional longing (6)
18 Racy diarist (no saint) spoke more than once (5)
19 Jazz musicians approve about former partner's come-back (6)
20 Absolute competitor (5)
22 Wad stuffed with money? It's my job to optimise stock yields (8)
26 *Germany's European backing, bitterly regretted* (4)
28 Material once thrust into grip, note (12)
32 When Pope errs, forgetting work, am I the result? (6)
33 One of us weaves a form of heartless origami (6)
34 Cross look given by "naturalist" author (4)
35 Dictator embraces woman — it's probably meaningless (7)
36 Gateway — one with height in front (5)

DOWN
1 With no financial feel, girl expresses hesitation (4)
2 Safety administration takes friend around plant (5)
3 *Non-stick design device makes chutes unfurl fast* (6)
4 Quietly thrust fire dog down (6)
5 Plant held by mining man is edelweiss (5)
6 *Fish disease makes tail of bonito harden on the outside* (4)
7 Acute singer/acress, dear to the French (4)
8 Fish infection has reduced fish around river (5)
9 Touchy diplomacy I found false with the French (7)
10 *Exotic trail meandering in the heart of Macao* (6)
17 Radio translator, golden girl (7)
18 Yawning seal marring entertaining shows (7)
19 *Maud's non-unionised working here* (5)
21 "Little Gold God" — employment for writer (6)
23 Bear cold, ascetic arrangement (5)
24 *Plant* — fine before driving rain — half's gone (4)
25 Note two-way insurance for friar (5)
27 Churchman learned about Welsh minister (5)
29 A *grand* lady, albeit aristocratic (4)
30 King, maybe, to enter score royally (4)
31 Clothworker, we hear, dyed tissue (4)



Solution to No. 3337: Christmas Cards by Smokey

P	A	D	L	I	S	A	O	E	S	C	E	D	R
A	R	I	A	N	E	S	T	R	A	N	G	E	S
D	I	S	S	E	N	T	E	R	R	T	E	R	I
D	O	M	E	S	P	I	N	N	A	L	I	M	A
O	M	A	R	T	E	N	B	D	B	E	V	I	N
C	O	L	S	C	K	G	A	L	A	G	E	S	U
K	I	N	E	M	S	E	R	O	N	A	C	O	S
C	T	I	N	A	O	R	C	G	D	B	O	U	T
N	R	E	T	S	I	N	A	R	E	S	O	R	B
E	N	C	S	H	O	T	R	R	O	T	S	S	L
B	D	E	U	A	L	L	O	Y	M	I	C	H	E
R	I	D	E	N	P	U	L	S	A	T	I	O	N
K	E	N	E	N	E	L	L	D	S	E	N	N	A
E	R	I	N	A	S	V	E	R	A	S	E	T	E

ACROSS
1 PALISADOES (A) (Capone) in Pisa, does) — *LISA*
8 CED(A)R (hidden)
11 ARIAN (Asian, arias)
12 ESTRANGES < SERGEANTS (serge, ants)
13 DISSDENTER < TIREDNESS (ti,rev+redness)
14 TER(A)I (hidden)
15 DOMES (homes, doves)
16 PINNA (pinny, pinta)
20 BEVIN (Levin, begin)
21 CO(A)L-S(A)CK (anag)
22 GALAGES (garages, galagos)
23 KINEM(A)S (kine ms)
26 CORONAS (coronachs, minus ch) — RONA
28 CORTINA (anag) — TINA
29 G(A)D(A)BOUT (bd, rev in gout)
31 RETSINA < NASTIER (NAS, tier)
32 RESORB < *BORERS* (bores round r)
35 ENC(A)SH (en, c, sh)
39 ALLOY (allow, alley)
40 MICHE < CHIME (2 mngs)
41 RIDE < DIRE (2 mngs)
42 PULSATION < PLATINOUS (Latin in anag)
43 *KENNELLED* (ken, *LL in* need) — NELL
44 SENNA (senza, henna)
45 *ERIN* (eric, *grin*)
46 ASSEVERATE (as, sever, ate) — VERA

DOWN
1 PADDOCK (padlock, haddock)
2 DISMAL (dismay, distal)
3 *LASERS* (lagers, losers)
4 TINES (2 mngs) — *INES*
5 ASTRINGENT (agent round *Strin(e)*) — *INGE*
6 ERR(A)ND (RR in end)
7 SARABAND (arab in sand) — SARA
8 C(A)NTLE (anag less l)
9 DERMIS (*kermis, derris*)
10 RUSSIAN (cf Prussian) — SIAN
16 *PE(A)KS (skep,rev)*
17 IVECO < VOICE (o in vice)
18 MOIT < OMIT (M,I in OT)
19 BARCAROLLE (bar, carolle(r)) — CAROL
24 NIECE (piece,nieve)
25 MANNA-ASH (*man, Nash* round a) — ANNA
27 OURS < SOUR (so, middle of curs)
28 C(A)NEBR(A)KE (anag of Becker round n)
29 G(A)RRY(A) (GR on ry)
30 TENABLE (anag) — ENA
31 R(A)NDIER (RN, + anag)
33 S(A)T(A)TES (rev of E tit in SS)
34 OSCINE < CONIES (i.e. in cons)
36 ENSUE (en suite, minus it) — SUE
37 *OLPES < SLOPE (2 mngs)*
38 OMASA < SAMOA (SA moa)

The winner of the Christmas Listener crossword and six magnums of Moët and Chandon is *Martin Renshaw of Swindon*, Wiltshire. The runners-up are Jeff Dale of Abingdon, Oxfordshire and David Crooks of Glasgow.

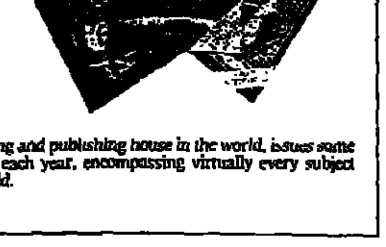
LISTENER CROSSWORD No. 3340

In association with CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

NAME...
ADDRESS...
....
....

Cut out and send the completed crossword and coupon above to The Listener Crossword No. 3340, 63 Green Lane, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL3 6HE. Entries must be received by Thursday, January 25.

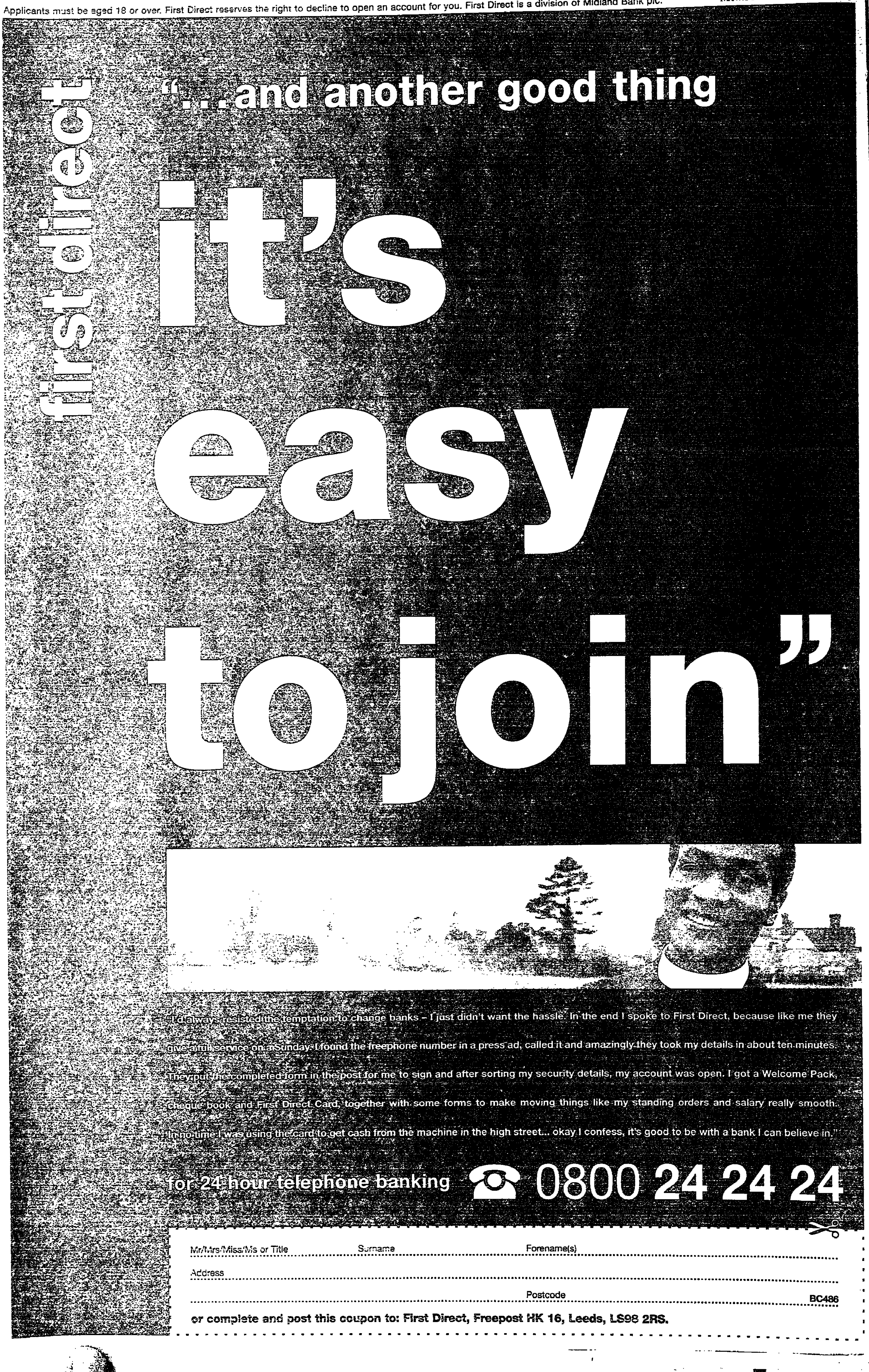
The winner will receive: **The Cambridge *Encyclopedia***, *the most up-to-date and* comprehensive one-volume encyclopedia available, with over 36,000 entries: **The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language**, *a highly illustrated format* embracing every aspect of the English *language in one volume;* and **The Cambridge Guide to Literature**, covering all the *major writers and movements in literature* written in English up to the present. Two *runners-up will receive* **The Cambridge Guide to Literature.**



***Cambridge University Press**, the oldest printing and publishing house in the world, issues some* 1,500 new publications in over 190 countries each year, encompassing virtually every subject *seriously studied in the English-speaking world.*

Applicants must be aged 18 or over. First Direct reserves the right to decline to open an account for you. First Direct is a division of Midland Bank plc.

Member HSBC ✖ *Group*



first direct

"...and another good thing it's easy to join"

"I'd always resisted the temptation to change banks – I just didn't want the hassle. In the end I spoke to First Direct, because like me they give a full service on a Sunday. I found the freephone number in a press ad, called it and amazingly they took my details in about ten minutes. They put the completed form in the post for me to sign and after sorting my security details, my account was open. I got a Welcome Pack, cheque book and First Direct Card, together with some forms to make moving things like my standing orders and salary really smooth. In no time I was using the card to get cash from the machine in the high street... okay I confess, it's good to be with a bank I can believe in."

for 24 hour telephone banking ☎ 0800 24 24 24

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms or Title .... Surname .... Forename(s) ....

Address ....

.... Postcode BC486

or complete and post this coupon to: First Direct, Freepost HK 16, Leeds, LS98 2RS.

Int

just £30

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الاصل

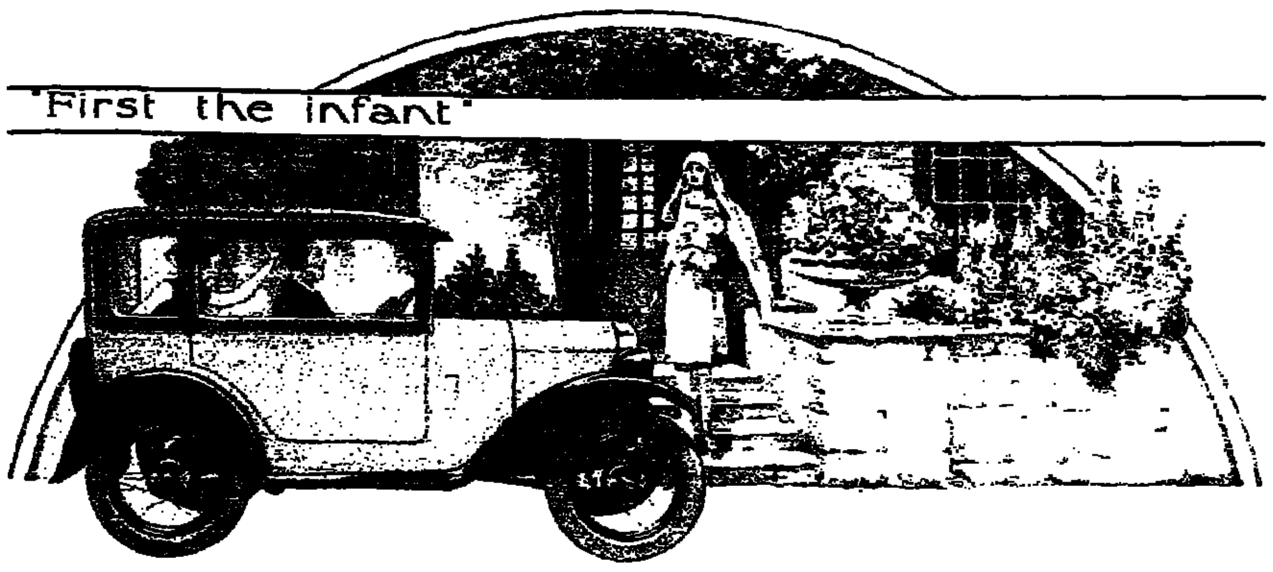
High-speed history of the daring girl racers
Page 7

CAR 96

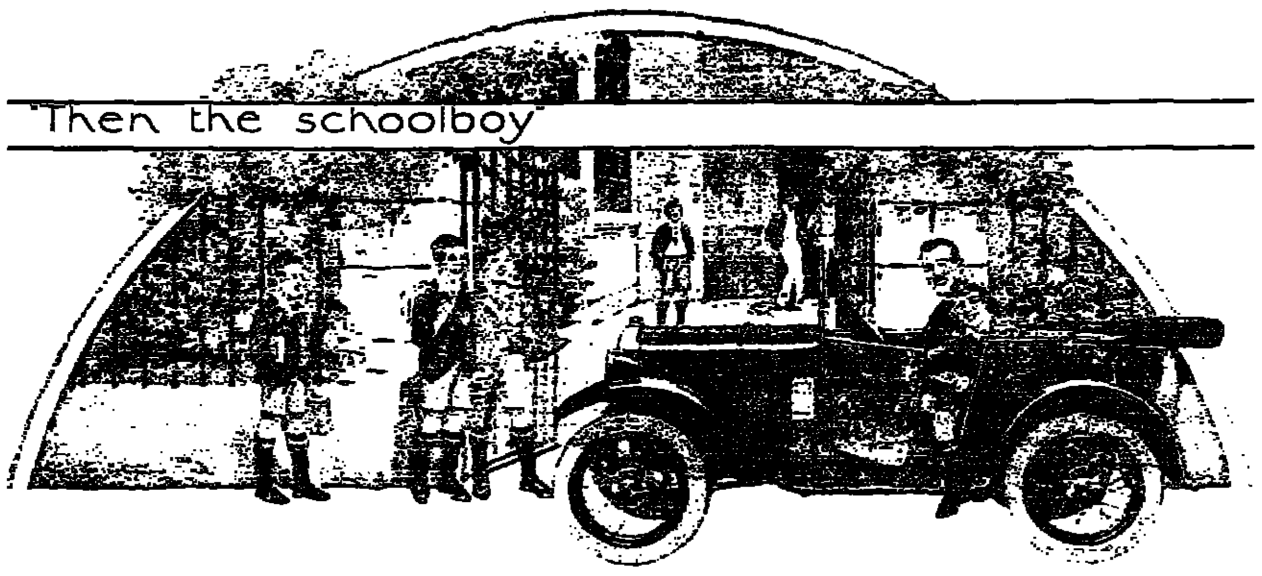
Win a fabulous £23,000 Honda Shuttle
Page 10

SATURDAY JANUARY 13 1996

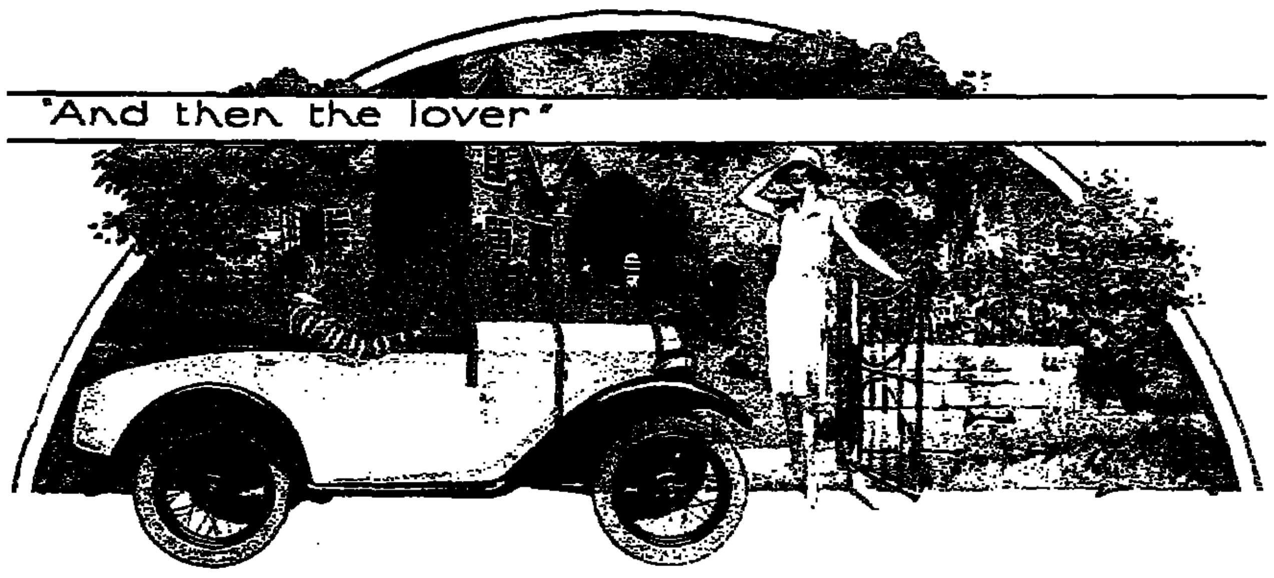
Britain's car industry is 100 years old. **Kevin Eason** looks in the rear-view mirror and at the road ahead



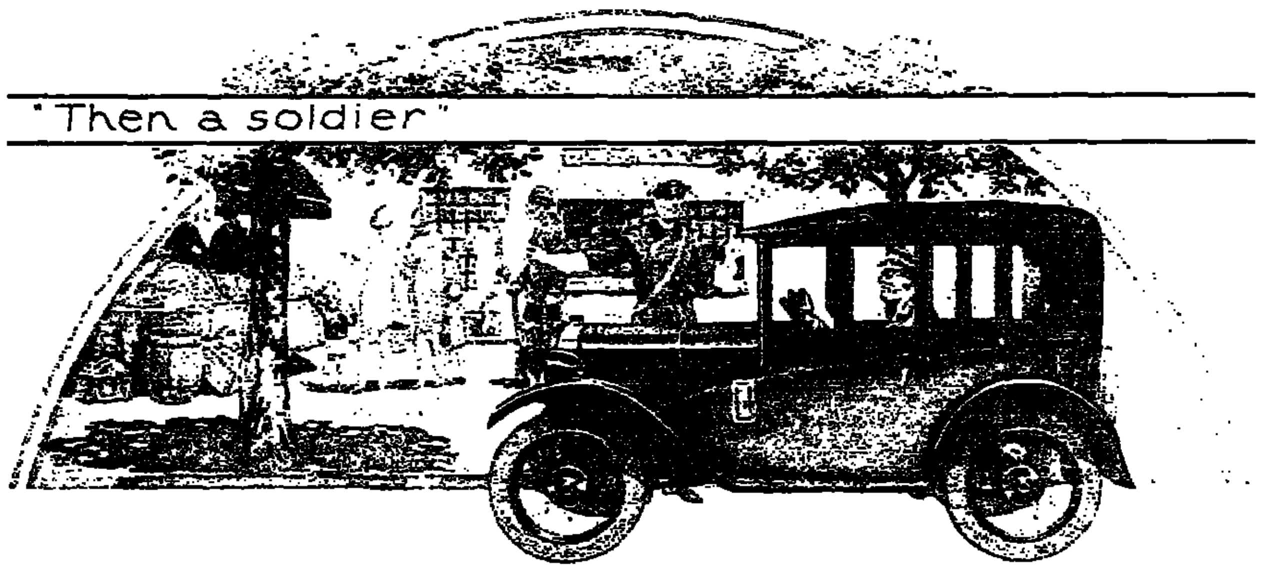
'First the infant'



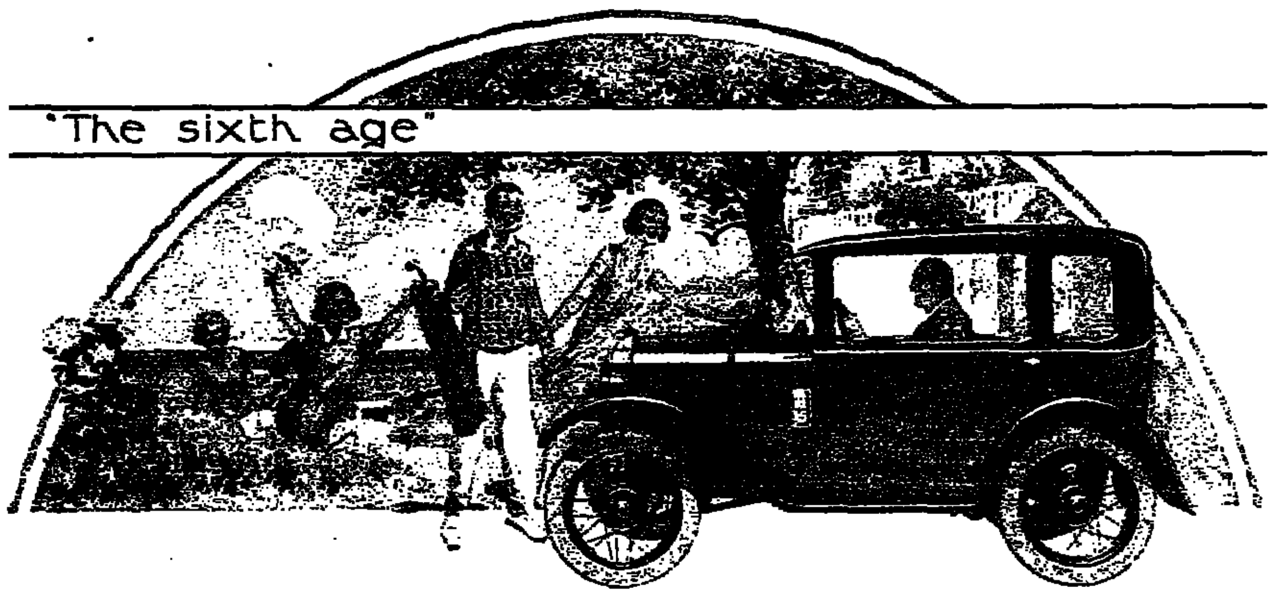
'Then the schoolboy'



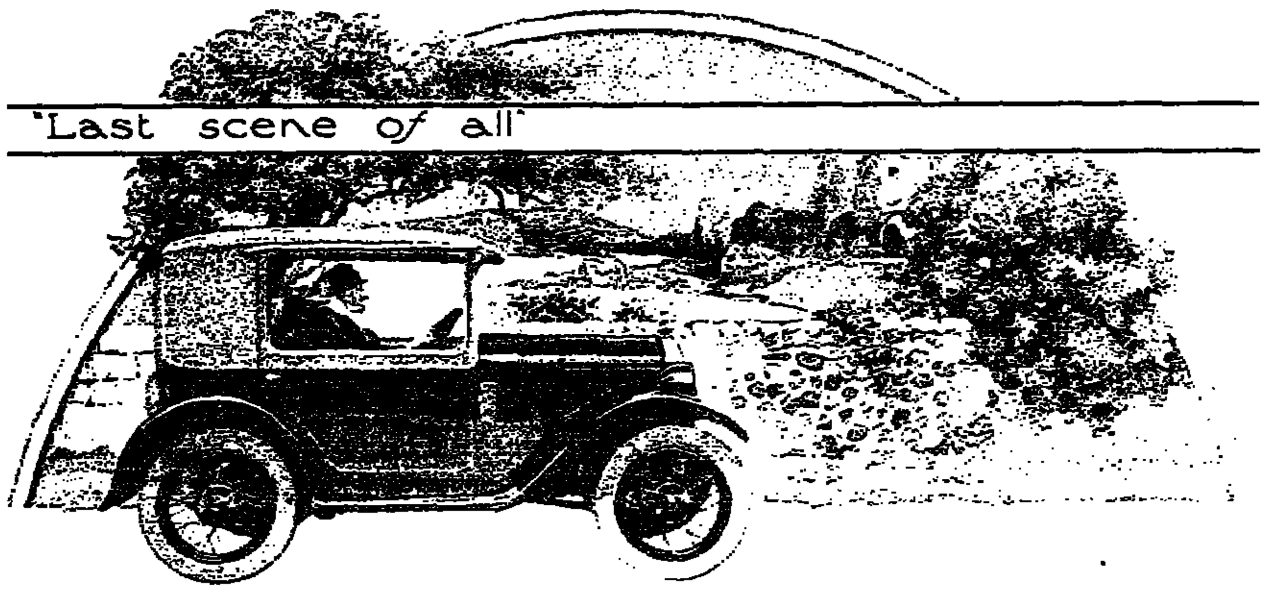
'And then the lover'



'Then a soldier'



'The sixth age'



'Last scene of all'

Into the seventh motoring age

From tottering, wide-eyed infancy to raging, powerful maturity ... and then weakened, gasping dotage. Adopting Shakespeare's description of the seven ages of man from *As You Like It* for his advertising, Herbert Austin could not have known how close he was to charting the history of the car.

Britain's motor industry was founded 100 years ago tomorrow, when the Daimler Motor Company was incorporated to make the new-fangled horseless carriages. Soon the car business was among the biggest and most powerful, with machines pouring from assembly lines to feed a world desperate for the freedom and independence that the internal combustion engine offered.

By the Fifties, Britain was world leader, exporting more cars than any other nation, including the US, and marques such as Austin and Morris, Jaguar, Riley, Wolseley, Singer, Humber, Standard, Sunbeam, Hillman, Triumph, Vauxhall and Rover were household names.

With maturity, though, came complacency and a decrepitude that almost cost the nation its biggest single manufacturing industry — the men of metal apparently suffering collective Alzheimer's. The Seventies and Eighties will be remembered as decades of bankruptcy and closure, of rescues and huge government subsidies.

For all its problems — marked this week by road protestors on the Newbury bypass — the car has given vast numbers of ordinary people the chance to travel easily and relatively cheaply in ways that previous generations would barely have been able to understand.

Working-class children, who would not have recognised a cow, were piled into the family runabout on a Sunday for a tour around the country lanes where they could stare over the blur of the hedgetops at grazing animals; mum and dad filled the car with children and buckets and spades and trundled off to the seaside for a day of candy floss and a donkey ride on the sand.

The Rover 200: far beyond the original British Daimler

In the first age of the car, the pioneers could not have visualised what they were starting. Their cars were puttering — and deeply unreliable — engines on wheels with uncertain brakes and as much comfort as a bed of nails.

Gottlieb Daimler would marvel at the machines we now take for granted with their soft-suspensioned, air-conditioned luxury, strength and security — but also wonder where everyone has gone.

Once dozens of names were churning out cars; now there are only a handful of mass manufacturers in the UK. And they are foreign-owned, from Ford, the oldest immigrant, to Vauxhall — owned by General Motors since the Twenties — and Peugeot, which took over the remnants of the Rootes Group via Chrysler, plus the Japanese — Honda, Toyota and Nissan.

Even Rover, whose history goes back to the safety bicycle launched by the Starley family in 1885, could not make it into the 21st century as an independent UK manufacturer. It is now owned by BMW of Germany — a company that began making cars by manufacturing a model under licence from Herbert Austin. That was when Austin was one of the world's biggest car names, selling technology that helped the Japanese motor industry get under way and sending its cars all over the Commonwealth and beyond.

From the same factory at Longbridge in Birmingham which poured out Austin Sevens now comes the new generation, the Rover 200, a clever little hatchback with 20 or 30 times the power of the original British Daimler.

But this is the seventh age which, by Shakespeare's definition, is dotage. Does that mean the Rover 200 and its generation are nearing the end of the 100-year-old line? The joining of the circle in which the machine that was once man's liberator has now become his tormentor, creating pollution, congestion and envy, seems complete.

But that does not take into account the ingenuity of the industry, exemplified by those pioneers who, 100 years ago, adapted skills learnt making sewing machines and bicycles into manufacturing a machine that many of them had never even seen before, let alone driven. This is the time for fresh ideas and innovations to find cars for a future which could last another 100 years.

EVENTS OF THE CENTENARY

THE YEAR starts with a service in Coventry Cathedral on Wednesday, in which historic cars will be blessed. Plus:

- ● Cars of the Century exhibition at Coventry's Museum of British Transport until February 29.
- ● Celebration of Wolseley now at the Heritage Motor Museum, Gaydon, Warwickshire.
- ● Victorian Motoring Extravaganza at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, from May 4 to 6.
- ● Rally of 200 historic cars, from Edinburgh, stopping at stately homes, to Stratford-upon-Avon, from June 14 to 23.
- ● Retrocar 96, cavalcade of every British car made, at National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham on July 27/28.

CENTENARY ISSUE
Pages 2, 3, 5 and 7

From just £30 the RAC covers you in any car

From just £30 for a full 12 months' cover, no one offers you more security on the road than the RAC:

■ RAC Rescue covers you, not your car. So now you can call on us whenever you need fast roadside assistance, even when you're simply a passenger in someone else's car.

■ Roadside Rescue. In more than 8 out of 10 cases, our patrols can fix cars on the spot. Otherwise, they'll tow you to a nearby garage, free of charge.

■ Accident Service. A replacement car, free legal advice, plus we'll deal with your insurers.

■ Theft and Vandalism Cover. If your car's stolen or can't be driven because of vandalism, we'll remove it to a nearby garage or secure area.

■ Battery Assist. A new battery on the spot.

Whatever service you use, callouts and our labour are free – you only pay for parts.

You can also tailor your cover to meet your needs, with the option to take out Joint and Family Cover or add our 'At Home' service.

Don't wait until you break down. Find out how to join the RAC today.

RAC
IT SAYS YOU'VE ARRIVED

*Rescue costs £30 if you pay by Continuous Credit Card Authority or Direct Debit. All prices include an enrolment fee. Phone lines open Monday - Friday 8am - 8pm, Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 10am - 4pm.

PHONE FREE TODAY ON
0800 029 029
OR INTERNET
http://www.rac.co.uk/
AND QUOTE SS1722/3/XX

FREE

YES – I want to join the RAC. Please tell me how I can join from just £30*

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms
Address
Postcode
Telephone

Send to: RAC Rescue, FREEPOST, Bristol BS38 7AU. (No stamp needed.)
ST0004/SS1721/3/XX

One hundred years ago, the man with the red flag took his last steps . . .

A century of the horseless traveller

Motoring Editor **Kevin Eason** looks back at triumphs and failures since Daimler began an historic revolution

Getting away from it all: by 1925 the car — even an old Bullnose Morris — was giving people freedom to travel on roads that would eventually lead to traffic jams, accidents and wheel clamps

1896-1906

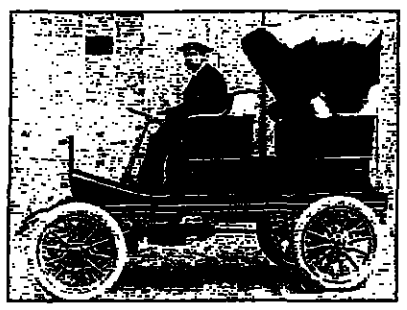
January 14, 1896 Incorporation of the Daimler Motor Syndicate to manufacture motor cars.

1896 Thirty-year-old law restricting speed of motor vehicles to 4mph and requiring a man to walk in front carrying a red flag ends; new 20mph limit. First London to Brighton run to commemorate change in law. Henry Ford builds first car.

1897 Austin makes first car for Wolseley. First Lanchester and first factory-made Daimler appear. Henry Sturmey, editor of *The Autocar*, completes first Land's End to John o'Groats journey. Lanchester brothers start building cars, Frederick Simms founds the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland, later the RAC.

1898 First world land speed record of 39mph set by Count Chasseloup-Laubat.

1899 First fatalities in a car accident when E.R. Sewell is demonstrating a Daimler. Rear wheels collapse going downhill under heavy braking at Harrow-on-the-Hill, London. First four-wheel Humber appears and Fiat and Renault founded. John Scott-Montagu shows off his Daimler motor car to Edward VII.



Designer Alex Craig and first Standard

1900 First Napier car. First recorded fine for drink-driving of £1 on man named Kelly in Dublin for driving "furiously".

1901 Wolseley and Argyll companies start carmaking. Daimler in Germany adopts Mercedes name after the daughter of Emil Janetzky, an early customer in France but also to appease French customers after Franco-German wars.

1902 Bexhill-on-Sea is venue for Britain's first serious race meeting. Cadillac company founded.

1903 First Rover, Vauxhall and Standard cars appear. First motor race using the concept of a circuit held in Ireland, won by a Mercedes at an average speed of 49.2mph.

1904 Frederick Henry Royce makes his first car and meets the Honorable C.S. Rolls for the first time at the Midland Hotel, Manchester. First automatic transmission introduced by the Sturtevant company of the US.

1905 New organisation founded to represent motorists: it is named the Automobile Association and the first job of its "scouts" is to warn members of police speed traps. First Jowett is made and Vauxhall moves to Luton. Austin company founded.

1906 Rolls-Royce introduces its new 40/50 horse power car at the Olympia Show and calls it the Silver Ghost.

1907-1916

1907 First supercharged engine built by Chadwick company of the USA. First Japanese car — the Takuri — is launched. Brooklands motor racing circuit opens, starting era of the Bentley Boys.

1908 Henry Ford introduces new car, the Model T. It is immediate best-seller. Samuel Cody becomes first man to fly an aircraft in Britain. His British Army Aeroplane No 1 rises to 30 feet, flies for a quarter of a mile . . . and crashes. Cody survives unhurt.

1909 Daimler adopts the famous Knight sleeve-valve engine and acquires Lanchester.

1910 Henry Ford opens car plant at Trafford Park, Manchester. First production car to be successfully fitted with four-wheel brakes is the Scottish-made Argyll and is adopted by Arrol-Johnston, Crossley, Spyker and Sheffield Simplex. Unfortunately, main brake control rod passes through the steering mechanism so that the steering wheel locks when the brakes are applied. The system is abandoned. Charles Rolls, playboy and pioneer, is the first Briton killed in a flying accident. Ferdinand Porsche wins the Prince Henry Trial in a Daimler.

1911 *First Monte Carlo Rally. Juan* Manuel Fangio, five times world Formula One champion, is born in Argentina. Chevrolet founded. Cadillac is the world's first car with electric lights.

1912 William Morris launches his Oxford model with 1018cc engine. It is nicknamed the Bullnose Morris. The *Titanic*, the liner proclaimed "unsinkable", goes down with 1,500 people drowned.

1913 *British car production up to 25,000.* Henry Ford introduces a moving assembly line.

1914 First traffic lights are switched on in Cleveland, Ohio. Robert Bamford and Lionel Martin found Aston Martin. Europe is turned into a battlefield with the start of the First World War, the first motorised conflict.

1915 Packard's Twin Six is the first car with alloy pistons.

1916 Willys-Knight introduces mechanical windscreen wipers.

1917-1926

1917 Board of Trade calls for a reduction in motoring for pleasure as the war deepens. A push-button electronic gear selector is introduced in the US.

1918 General Motors takes over the Chevrolet company.

1919 W.O. Bentley exhibits his 3-litre prototype. Professor Ernest Rutherford splits the atom.

1920 Alvis, founded by Thomas George John, a naval architect, makes its first car. *The Duesenberg Model A is the first with* hydraulic brakes.

1921 Lanchester first to offer a left-hand drive option on its cars. Berlin gets the first motorway, the Avus Autobahn.

1922 Ford of America builds 1.2 millionth Model T. Herbert Austin introduces the Seven, priced £225, which continues in production until 1938. First car fitted with a Marconiphone radio is a Daimler. Cadillac introduces automatic choke.

1923 Leaded petrol goes on sale.

1924 The Maxwell company changes its name to Chrysler. Private railway companies are reorganised into four groups — the North Western, London and North Eastern, Great Western and Southern Railway. Imperial Airways becomes Britain's first commercial airline.

1925 Czech armaments firm Skoda makes its first car. Aston Martin goes bust but is *rescued and relocated to Feltham*, Middlesex. White lines are painted on the roads to try to guide cars and prevent accidents.

1926 Mercedes and Benz come together to form Daimler-Benz (strangely, Messrs Daimler and Benz never met). Russia builds its first car, the NAMI-1. Daimler introduces the first V12 engine, arrow indicators appear on British Talbot cars and car heaters appear in the US. Morris buys Wolseley. Cadillac introduces first car with safety glass. British industry is closed by the General Strike. John Logie Baird demonstrates television, sending pictures by radio. Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) is formed.

1927-1936

1927 *Bentley starts historic run of four* wins at Le Mans, immortalising the Bentley Boys. Major Henry Segrave breaks the world land speed record, achieving 203.841mph in a Sunbeam beating his rival, Malcolm Campbell. London to Brighton run revived by the *Daily Sketch* newspaper to commemorate the Emancipation Act. Road deaths total 5,329 and there are 133,943 accidents, *even though there are fewer than 1 million* cars. The first words on film — "You ain't heard nothing yet" — spoken by Al Jolson in *The Jazz Singer*.

1928 Alvis introduces the first front-wheel-drive car, the 12/75, and William Lyons moves his SS Cars (later Jaguar) from Blackpool to Coventry. It is a good year for Dixies: BMW makes its first car (an Austin Seven under licence) called the *Dixi*, and *Dixie Dean scores 60 goals* as Everton win the first division championship. Cubitt, the construction firm, launches its own car, but it is in production just six years.

Henry Segrave, 203mph speed pioneer

1929 Rootes motor dealers buy Humber and Hillman. General Motors buys Vauxhall. David Dunbar Buick, Scotsman who made his fortune from inventing the enamelled bathtub, dies having founded a car company which threw him out and then became part of the General Motors empire. Cadillac introduces synchromesh gears.

1930 A new company, called MG — for *Morris Garages — set up by Cecil Kimber* to make sports cars. R101 airship crashes in France, killing 48. Amy Johnson, a 26-year-old Englishwoman, flies solo around the world. Bugatti creates the Royale and Cadillac produces a V16 model.

1931 Ford Motor Company opens a new plant at Dagenham, east London. Traffic lights to be introduced after sucessful pilot scheme in London. Rolls-Royce takes over struggling Bentley.

1932 Alfa Romeo produces first single-seat racing car. George V makes the first broadcast by wireless to the Empire.

1933 Morris introduces flashing indicators and Alvis synchromesh gears as standard. Percy Shaw saved from driving off the road in fog by the flashing eyes of a passing "moggy" and invents Cat's Eyes — and becomes a millionaire. Lyons opens its Corner House with waitresses *working on a production line system.*

1934 Aerodynamics are all the rage: Chrysler introduces its Airflow model and Tatra a saloon with a record-breaking drag coefficient of 0.38. Citroën also introduces its revolutionary front-wheel-drive Traction Avant. Pedestrian crossings with Belisha beacons — named after Leslie Hore-Belisha, a former Minister of Transport — introduced. *Queen Mary launched by Cunard on Clydebank.*

1935 Driving test arrives and a speed limit of 30mph imposed in towns. William Lyons makes his first SS Jaguar, while Rootes takes over Sunbeam. Triumph offers windscreen washers. Colonel T.E. Lawrence — Lawrence of Arabia — is killed in a motorcycling accident. Fiat introduces the first headlight flasher. Sir Malcom Campbell raises world land *speed record to 301mph.*

1936 Mercedes launches first diesel car, Morgan builds first four-wheel car.

[illegible]

1937 A thousand Daimlers used for coronation of George VI. George Eyston raises world land speed record to 312mph.

1938 The People's Car — the Volks (people) wagen (car) — is launched in Germany. Designed by Ferdinand Porsche on the orders of Hitler, the car cost 1,000 Reichmarks and buyers saved five marks a week for their KdF Wagen as it was known for its title: Kraft durch Freude, Strength through Joy, the motto *of the Nazi Party. Neville Chamberlain,* the Prime Minister returns from talks with Hitler and proclaims peace with Germany. Sir Nigel Gresley's Mallard touches 126mph on a run between London and Newcastle.

1939 Buick develops "winker" indicators, but few care: the Second World War begins in September.

1940 US Army takes delivery of its first Jeep — a nickname derived from the title of General Purpose (GP) vehicle — from the Bantam Car Company (Ford and Willys took over production in 1941). Car factories are turned over to war production and petrol is rationed. This is also the worst year for road accidents — 8,609 dead although there are only 2.3 million cars. Oldsmobile offers first modern automatic transmissions.

1941 Volkswagen starts production but *not of people's cars: Kubelwagen and* Schwimmwagen military vehicles are first off assembly lines. Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, which brings US into the war.

1942 With civilian car production virtually ended, Daimler makes four-wheel-drive scout cars, first Daimlers with disc brakes. Meanwhile, skirts get shorter to save material and two inches are lopped off shirt tails.

1943 Car factories make tanks, shells, aircraft . . . even coffins. An accident in Bethnal Green tube station kills 178 people. Pay As You Earn income tax is introduced and a new wonder drug, penicillin, is saving lives.

1944 Volvo of Sweden introduces its PV444, its first big export seller. On June 6, D-Day, 18,000 troops land in France.

1945 Second World War ends and car production restarts slowly. Not for Louis Renault though: he is accused of being a collaborator with the Germans and his company is nationalised. A team of British officers restart car production in the Volkswagen factory and create the world's most successful production model, the Beetle. The Bristol Aeroplane Company launches a car division, taking BMW technology as part of war reparations.

1946 *Triumph 1800 is first British car with* steering column gearchange. First car made in India comes from Hindustan company making version of Morris Series M.

[illegible]

1947 Standard launches Vanguard, 2-litre six-seater saloon, while engineering magnate David Brown acquires floundering Aston Martin. Britain suffers coldest winter since 1888.

1948 Rover launches a "stop-gap" model until assembly lines recover from war production; the vehicle is shown at the Amsterdam Motor Show and is called Land Rover. Young designer Alec Issigonis launches the Morris Minor. Star of London Motor Show at Earls *Court is the Jaguar XK120*, which has a top speed of 120mph.

1949 Citroën launches 2CV, start of 40 years' production. The FX taxi, the famous London black cab, appears and more than 90,000 go on to be manufactured. The Comet, the world's first passenger jet, flies.

1950 Britain becomes the world's biggest car exporter, overtaking US. Rover launches Jet 1, a gas turbine car capable of 150mph and Ford introduces combined coil spring and damper known as the McPherson strut after designer Earle S. McPherson, an employee at the Dagenham works. First world racing champion is Guiseppe Farina and the Whitsun Bank Holiday brings the worst traffic jams on record. There are about 2.5 million cars on British roads and petrol rationing has just ended.

1951 Chrysler offers power steering and China makes first car. Crash helmets become compulsory in motor racing.

1952 Austin and Morris merge to form British Motor Corporation. Disc brakes, designed by Dunlop, fitted to Jaguar entries in the Mille Miglia and the C-type which won the Le Mans 24-hour endurance race in 1953. The Perth to London express crashes at Harrow, 112 die.

1953 First tubeless tyres marketed in *Britain come from Dunlop, while* Michelin develops the radial tyre. Ford launches the Anglia. In the US, a legend arrives — the Chevrolet Corvette.

1954 Mercedes produces gullwing 300SL with fuel injection. Standard launches first British production diesel car. Optimism abounds as rationing ends.

1955 Rootes takes over bankrupt Singer company. Toyota produces first Japanese-designed car. First production car with self-levelling suspension is the Citroën DS. A young racing driver, Stirling Moss, wins the Mille Miglia (1,000 mile-race through Italy) averaging 100mph on public roads.

1956 German production and exports overtake those from Britain. Rover shows off its T3, a four-wheel-drive turbo-engined saloon.

1957-1966

1957 Stirling Moss drives a Vanwall to the first grand prix victory for a British car. Volvo offers seat belts on its cars and Harold Macmillan tells us we "never had it so good".

1958 Mike Hawthorn becomes Britain's first Formula One world champion and retires immediately; he dies in a car accident a year later on the Guildford bypass. Colin Chapman launches Lotus Elite, first car with a monocoque glass fibre bodyshell. The Ford Edsel appears in the US to become one of the biggest all-

Continued on facing page

The Beetle — thanks to British officers

The 1948 Morris Minor designed by Alex Issigonis, later to produce the Mini

هكذا من الأصل

صكنا من الاصل

. . . Britain's age of the car had begun. It's been a long and eventful road

The industry that began by being sent to Coventry

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu on *how a business worth billions started in an old cotton mill*

Tomorrow is the centenary of the incorporation of Daimler, the UK's first company specifically organised to manufacture motor cars. While Edward Butler, the Lanchester brothers, Frederick Bremer and John Henry Knight had built cars before that date, their aim was simply to develop a functioning horseless carriage. None had taken the next step and organised a company to manufacture cars in series for sale to the general public.

Daimler, on the other hand, had built no cars (nor would it produce any until 1897) but was organised as a manufacturing concern in the confident expectation that it would dominate the coming British industry. Its trump card was to be the acquisition of "master patents" by its associate, the British Motor Syndicate, which would issue licences without which no car could be built or sold.

Founded in July 1895 with a capital of £150,000, the Syndicate had recently acquired the British Daimler rights from Frederick R. Simms for £35,000 as the first step in this ambitious plan. Simms not only imported Daimler engines from Germany but also exacted a licence fee from owners of cars powered by engines built under Daimler's patents — which included leading French makes such as Panhard-Levassor and Peugeot — to permit them to be driven on the roads of Britain.

This was a questionable benefit, for — while there were then few restrictions on the use of cars in France — in Britain motor cars were subject to the same rules as traction engines: they had to be preceded by a man on foot.

But the man behind the Syndicate — a diminutive company promoter named Harry J. Lawson — was planning for a near future in which this onerous restriction would be lifted, triggering a massive upsurge in the sales of horseless carriages.

Lawson, who billed himself as "the Pioneer of *fin-de-siècle* Locomotion", had made a fortune out of floating a score of heavily over-capitalised companies; his early career in the Coventry cycle industry had been a great advantage when it came to profiting from the boom in bicycle and pneumatic tyre companies in the early 1890s. He foresaw the beneficial changes to society that would result from the introduction of the motor car and floated a British motor industry consisting of a string of subsidiary companies which could produce a ceaseless flow of royalties.

Despite warnings in the financial press ("The fact that Mr H.J. Lawson is the controlling spirit is a very bad omen for the company and augurs a speedy acquaintance with the bankruptcy court rather than the success the patent deserves"), the Daimler share issue raised its full capital of £100,000 within the 48 hours allotted. Of this, £40,000 was paid to Lawson's Syndicate as "licence money", even though Daimler at that point did not have a factory.

Frederick Simms, retained by the new Daimler Company as consulting engineer, was sent out to find a suitable building and recommended a purpose-built engine works at Cheltenham, for sale as a going concern with a skilled staff of 80 workmen. But Lawson had a more devious plan in mind. He bought a vacant cotton mill at Coventry for £18,000 while Simms was out of the country; Simms protested, but in vain. The four-storey mill, a most unsuitable building for the production of motor vehicles, belonged to Lawson's crony Terah Hooley, who had acquired it as a speculation . . . and that was the sole reason Coventry became the centre of the British motor industry.

The plan was for Daimler to produce engines and chassis; the grandly-titled Great Horseless Carriage Company (with an issued capital of £750,000, of which £500,000 went straight into the British Motor Syndicate's coffers) would use these as the basis of a range of cars and commercial vehicles.

Part of what became the "Motor Mills" were occupied by associated companies, most notaby that run by the "motor charlatan" Edward Joel Pennington, an American confidence trickster whose "Torpedo Autocars" operated on principles that defied common sense. Their inordinately long stroke engines were completely devoid of any form of cooling, but ran well enough to convince investors to plunge vast sums of money into Pennington's get-rich-quick ventures. And that included the normally astute Lawson, who paid £100,000 for the rights to Pennington's dubious patents.

While the shady financial dealings were going on, the unsung heroes of the infant motor industry — the engineers — got on with putting a British motor car into production. Three names stand out: Simms (consulting engineer), James Critchley (Daimler chief engineer) and Lincolnshire-born Otto Mayer, who had worked with Gottlieb Daimler in Germany since 1887 but returned to England to help set up the Coventry Motor Mills, and stayed for the rest of his long life.

Although the Coventry company had taken the Daimler name, and Gottlieb Daimler was on its board of directors, the German firm had no financial interest in the British organisation: on the contrary, it owed its continued existence to Simms (who had been born and brought up in Hamburg). Late in 1895 he had mediated between Gottlieb Daimler and the board of the Cannstatt-Daimler company to settle a protracted disagreement which had brought the German company to the edge of bankruptcy; it is probably fair to say that without Simms (and the £17,000 he paid for the transfer of the Daimler licence), the Daimler-Motoren-Gesellschaft would not have survived to build the first Mercedes in 1901.

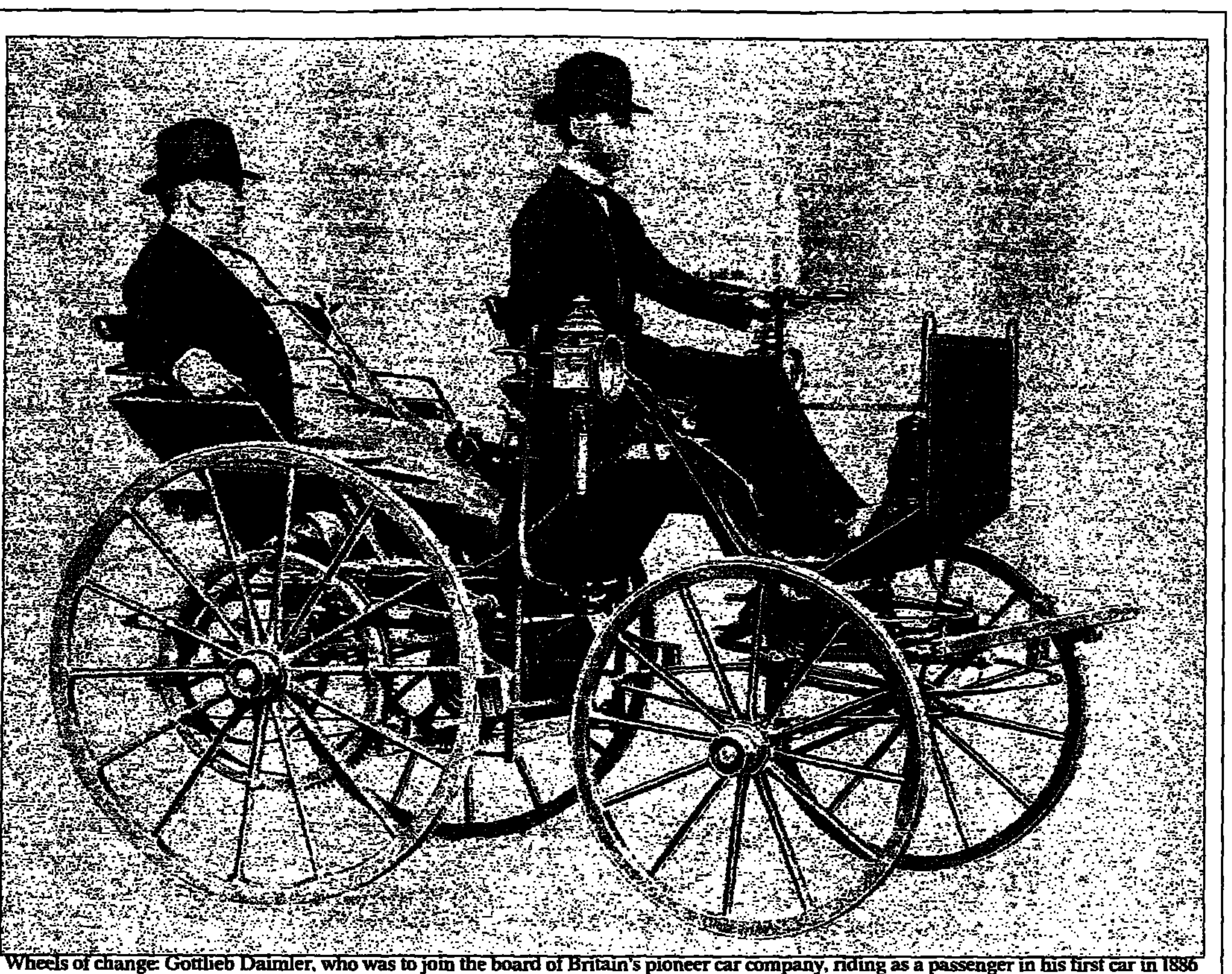
Simms and Critchley studied established car factories in France and Britain closely, and though Simms planned to build cars based on the German Daimler designs in Coventry, Cannstatt was slow to send the requested drawings and patterns.

As a result, when Daimler of Coventry took delivery of a couple of Paris-built Panhard-Levassors in mid-1896, these were taken as the pattern of production: these may have been Daimler-powered, but were thoroughly modern, different in almost every significant respect from the obsolescent, belt-driven horseless carriages still being built by the Germans.

Critchley improved the Panhard design — Coventry's metallurgy was superior to the Parisian variety — and the Daimlers that finally went into production in the spring of 1897 were among Europe's finest cars.

Fortunately for Daimler, Lawson and his cronies moved on to other ventures (which earned Lawson a year's hard labour for fraud in 1904); his other companies soon fell by the wayside. The Daimler Company survived financial crises, and soon confirmed its position as Britain's premiere marque, culminating in 1900 when it delivered the first royal car to the future Edward VII — as a result of my father introducing him to motoring.

Daimler was acquired by Jaguar in 1960, so is now part of the Ford organisation. Happily, it has produced 200 special centenary Daimlers to celebrate the anniversary and, coincidentally, Ford USA will also be celebrating, as 100 years ago this month Motor Mills tenant Edward Pennington played an indirect role in the creation of Henry Ford's first car, the Quadricycle. Ford based his engine on an article on the Pennington power unit in the *American Machinist* magazine of January 3 1896.



Wheels of change: Gottlieb Daimler, who was to join the board of Britain's pioneer car company, riding as a passenger in his first car in 1886

Continued from facing page

time flops: production lasted less than two years. Long-playing stereophonic records appear along with long-distance direct telephone STD (subscriber trunk dialling) calls.

1959 Momentous events: Britain's first motorway, the M1, is opened and the Mini, designed by Alec Issigonis, goes on sale, costing £500 including purchase tax. Also introduced — yellow lines to curb parking. Aston Martin wins at Le Mans. Sir Christopher Cockerell launches another British first, the hovercraft.

1960 Car ownership soars to almost 10 million and will rise by another 5 million in the next decade. Ferrari scores last grand prix victory by a front-engined car.

1961 Jaguar launches the E-type, world's first 150mph production car, and takes over Daimler. Leyland takes over Standard-Triumph and the Morris Minor becomes the first British car to sell 1 million. First Israeli car, the Sabra, is provided by Reliant of Tamworth in Staffordshire. Yuri Gagarin is the first man in space.

1962 Hydrolastic suspension, invented by Alec Moulton, appears for the first time on Austin and Morris 1100 models, which sell more than 2 million. Ford Cortina is launched and Honda makes its first car. Graham Hill wins first of two Formula One world championships. VW makes 1 million Beetles in the year and Lotus races its epochal 25 racing car. Stirling Moss crashes at Goodwood, effectively ending his distinguished career without winning a world championship. James Bond makes his screen debut in *Dr No* and introduces the world to his Aston Martin DB5.

1963 Rover 2000 is launched and Vauxhall opens Ellesmere Port plant on Merseyside to make the Viva; Ford opens rival factory at Halewood. Jim Clark wins the first of two Formula One world championships. Year identifier letter added to registration plates to help trace cars which have to take an annual MoT test. NSU Spyder is the first car with the rotary Wankel engine. End of an era: William Morris, later Lord Nuffield, who started as a bicycle repairer and became a motoring magnate, dies aged 84. A new television programme, *Coronation Street*, tops ratings for the first time.

1964 Chrysler buys into ailing Rootes Group and Porsche launches a car it calls simply the 911. Donald Campbell's Bluebird II reaches 403mph. John Surtees, seven times world motorcycle champion, takes to four wheels to win the Formula One world title. Mary Quant, invents a short skirt, and coins a word that Austin and Morris applies to their little Minor model, the Mini.

1965 First Japanese car — a Daihatsu Compagno — goes on sale in Britain, but Citroën, manufacturing in Britain since 1926, closes its factory in Slough, Berkshire. Brake stop lights are compulsory, while Rover races a gas turbine car at Le Mans which finishes tenth.

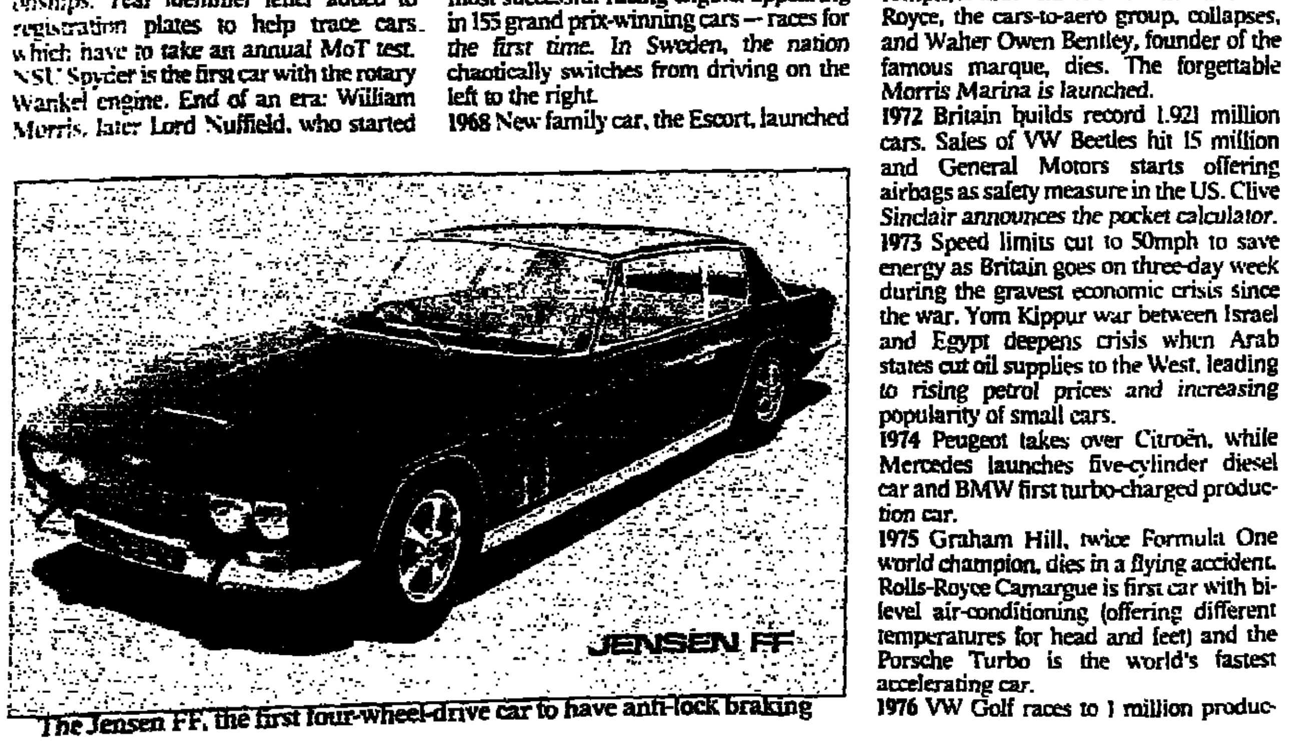
1966 BMC absorbs Jaguar. First passenger car made in Turkey comes from Reliant, while the Jensen FF is the first four-wheel-drive with anti-lock braking. Leyland takes over Rover. England's soccer team wins the World Cup.

1967-1976

1967 Breathalyser becomes a part of the British way of motoring life. The plastic bag into which motorists blew contains crystals which change colour to indicate whether drivers are over the limit of 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. Penalties are a fine of £100 or a maximum of four months' jail — or both. Year identifier letter moved to August to boost low summer sales, sparking annual one-month sales boom. Iran starts making the Peykan, kits of Hillman Hunters sent from Britain. Donald Campbell's latest record-breaking attempt ends in his death when his jet-powered Bluebird craft crashes on Coniston Water. Cosworth engine — which will become the world's most successful racing engine, appearing in 155 grand prix-winning cars — races for the first time. In Sweden, the nation chaotically switches from driving on the left to the right.

1968 New family car, the Escort, launched by Ford and goes on to be the nation's bestseller for nearly three decades. Leyland and BMC merge to form, not unexpectedly, BLMC. First fuel-injected British car is Triumph 2.5-litre PI, while BLMC makes more than 1 million cars in a year. Twice world motor racing champion, Jim Clark, dies in crash in minor race at Hockenheim circuit in Germany.

Jackie Stewart, three times champion



The Jensen FF, the first four-wheel-drive car to have anti-lock braking

1969 Ford launches its Dagenham-built "car you always promised yourself", the long-running Capri. Riley, made since 1898, disappears. Britain sends a record 771,634 cars for export. Jackie Stewart wins first of three world championships. Apollo 11 lands on the moon and Concorde sets out on maiden flight.

1970 New concept in four-wheel-drive vehicles, the Range Rover — designed by Spen King — arrives sensationally and within months, Land Rover cannot make enough to meet demand. Ford makes its 2 millionth Cortina, but Singer, founded in 1905, disappears.

1971 Treadless slick tyres are used in racing, while the Lunar Rover, which cost $5 million to develop and could travel at 10mph, is first vehicle on the moon. Rolls-Royce, the cars-to-aero group, collapses, and Walter Owen Bentley, founder of the famous marque, dies. The forgettable Morris Marina is launched.

1972 Britain builds record 1.921 million cars. Sales of VW Beetles hit 15 million and General Motors starts offering airbags as safety measure in the US. Clive Sinclair announces the pocket calculator.

1973 Speed limits cut to 50mph to save energy as Britain goes on three-day week during the gravest economic crisis since the war. Yom Kippur war between Israel and Egypt deepens crisis when Arab states cut oil supplies to the West, leading to rising petrol prices and increasing popularity of small cars.

1974 Peugeot takes over Citroën, while Mercedes launches five-cylinder diesel car and BMW first turbo-charged production car.

1975 Graham Hill, twice Formula One world champion, dies in a flying accident. Rolls-Royce Camargue is first car with bi-level air-conditioning (offering different temperatures for head and feet) and the Porsche Turbo is the world's fastest accelerating car.

1976 VW Golf races to 1 million production total in 31 months, quickest first million ever. In Britain, Sunbeam and Wolseley names disappear after 77 years. Six-wheeled Tyrell P34 wins a grand prix while Aston Martin shows dramatic Lagonda, featuring electronic digital dashboard. James Hunt wins the world Formula One championship by a single point — and Britain basks in a record-breaking summer forcing the Government to appoint Denis Howell as minister for drought — it starts to rain.

1977-1986

1977 Fiesta launched as Ford takes over as biggest-selling company in UK from British Leyland. Lotus introduces grand prix racing to "ground effect" aerodynamics, Renault the turbo-charger.

1978 Peugeot buys Chrysler's collapsing UK operations for a single dollar. British Leyland decides on partnership with Honda of Japan to make cars jointly, starting with Triumph Acclaim, a rebadged Honda.

1979 Winter of discontent and bleak year of closures in the motor industry.

1980 Production of MGs ends, killed off by British Leyland, which lost £900 on every car exported to the US. Company launches new small car, the Metro. Audi Quattro is first volume car with permanent four-wheel-drive. Japanese produce more cars than the US for the first time.

1981 Delorean company launches all stainless steel-bodied car, designed by Lotus, for manufacture in Northern Ireland. BMW introduces on-board computer on 5-series.

1982 Ford introduces "jelly mould" Sierra to replace best-selling Cortina and Mercedes-Benz introduces its first compact car, the 190. Delorean's short life comes to an end when business shuts down, costing 1,500 jobs. Anthony Colin Bruce Chapman, founder of Lotus, dies suddenly.

1983 Last Morris, the Ital, made, ending an era of British motoring, while Richard Noble breaks world land speed record, taking Thrust II to 633mph. Police use car wheelclamp, the dreaded Denver Boot, for first time.

1984 Sir John Egan takes Jaguar Cars, once owned by state-owned BL Group, into private ownership and its most successful era of sales. Last Austin, a Montego, is produced by BL, while the Triumph name also sinks.

1985 Sir William Lyons, genius who founded Jaguar Cars, dies. Rolls-Royce reaches the milestone of 100,000 cars made (75 per cent are still in existence). Clive Sinclair is back with the Sinclair C5 electric car. It flops.

1986 Margaret Thatcher opens Nissan factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear, which will make Bluebird saloons and hatchbacks. General Motors buys Lotus, while Sir Graham Day, chairman appointed by Mrs Thatcher, changes name of BL Group to Rover. Rolls-Royce puts anti-lock brakes and fuel injection on all models. Deregulation of the City sparks rise of free-spending yuppies, who make Porsches, Ferraris and GTis cult objects.

1987-1996

1987 Goodbye to the Ford Capri after 1.8 million made. Ford surprises everybody and buys Aston Martin and tiny AC Cars.

1988 British Aerospace buys Rover for £150 million; the Government writes off £800 million of company debt to get the deal through. Land Rover Discovery launched. Ferrari F40 is the first of the 200mph club, later to be joined by Jaguar's XJ220 and McLaren F1.

1989 Car sales hit record 2.3 million — 500,000 registered in August alone. Britons now own 24 million motor cars. Toyota, Japan's biggest carmaker, decides to set up factory at Burnaston, Derbyshire. Jaguar, jewel in the Government's privatisation crown, cannot go it alone and is bought for £1.6 billion by Ford. Alec Issigonis, born in 1906 and the man who designed both the best-selling British cars of the century — Morris Minor and Mini — dies. Japanese businessman pays £10 million for a Ferrari 250 GTO.

1990 Year starts with Ford's 32,000 workers on national pay strike. Government sells "cherished" number plates — from MUS 1C to F1 GHT — to make up to £15 million-a-year. Ministers call for action as car crime reaches an epidemic with a theft or break-in every minute. Carmakers rush to invest in Eastern Europe after fall of Berlin Wall. Production of the Citroën 2CV ends with 7 million manufactured. General Motors announces the Impact, an electric car with Dan Dare styling.

1991 First all-new Bentley, the Continental R, since 1952 unveiled by Rolls-Royce, with price of £175,000. Car sales slump to 1.5 million for the year. Gulf War sends petrol prices to record levels.

1992 Nigel Mansell is Formula One world champion at last, winning more grands prix than any other Briton. Honda is latest Japanese company to open a factory in Britain — at Swindon, Wiltshire — to make the Accord mid-range car. Nissan launches Washington-made Micra small car — and MG is back as a sports car, the RV8, a £26,500 MGB lookalike. Rolls-Royce closes Mulliner Park Ward subsidiary after 52 years, home of the Phantom VI limousines used by the Royal Family. Sales of GTi cars, so popular in the Eighties boom, collapse. Brian Angliss releases AC from Ford ownership and launches Ace sports car.

1993 Mansell is Indycar champion in the US, first driver to win back-to-back titles. General Motors sells Lotus to Bugatti, controlled by controversial Romano Artioli. Sir David Brown dies, but not before he sees his beloved Aston Martin revived by Ford to launch the new DB7, using his initials. Ford launches its world car, the Mondeo. Genevieve, the 1904 Darracq that starred in the Fifties movie, is sold to the Netherlands for £150,000.

1994 Rover is bought from British Aerospace by BMW of Germany for £800 million to form a new group with Bernd Pischetsrieder, a nephew of Sir Alec Issigonis, as chairman. Jaguar launches new XJ range, its first new model in Ford ownership and Ford launches Probe, a successor to the Capri but made in America from Japanese designs. Rolls-Royce announces BMW will make its next generation of engines. Channel Tunnel opens to first cars — a 400-yard procession of veteran and vintage classics led by Prince Michael of Kent in a Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost. McLaren F1 is world's fastest production car at 231mph.

1995 New publication appears — called *Car 95* — in *The Times* to chart fortunes of the motor industry. MG is back, with Rover launching the mid-engined MGF. Flight Lieutenant Andy Green is named as pilot for Thrust SSC, car that will attempt to break sound barrier (747mph). New fashion grips the industry — MPVs, or people carriers. Eleven models are launched. Colin McRae is Britain's first world rally champion. McLaren wins Le Mans at first attempt.

1996 Rover, one of few names that can be traced back to the start of the industry, launches new 200 range across Europe. Britain awaits arrival of the new Bond car, a BMW Z3, made in the US, and the first changes to the driving test in 60 years are made with the introduction of a theory test. Motor industry celebrates 100 years.

Nigel Mansell and Frank Williams, star and founder of the racing team

'Privilege cut my Mercedes insurance by £320,'

Mr P.A. aged 39, Surrey. H reg Mercedes 220E. Renewal Premium £869. Privilege Premium £543.

Phone 0113 292 5555

LINES OPEN 8AM-8PM WEEKDAYS.
9AM-5PM SATURDAYS.

privilege
INSURANCE

Isn't it time you had the Privilege?

AUDI AUTHORISED DEALERS

We know where all these cars have been.

Every approved used Audi has been checked by HPI Autodata to ensure any outstanding finance has been paid off.

Audi Approved Used Cars 0345 55 22 66

Audi. Vorsprung durch Technik.

Audi at Dovercourt

BATTERSEA

94L AUDI 80 1.6 SE SALOON, Indigo Blue, 14,000 miles, Sunroof, Alloys
95M AUDI COUPE 8V, Silver Quartz, 6,000 miles, ESR, Alloys, 1 Owner
94L 100 2.8 SE ESTATE, Lago Blue Met., 5 Speed, 8,000 miles, Alloys, FSH
92K 2.3E CABRIOLET, Black, 26,000 miles, Alloys, FSH
93L 80 TDI ESTATE, Azurite Blue, 32,000 miles, Alloys, S/Roof, E/Windows
94M A6 2.0 SE ESTATE, Indigo Blue, Auto, 14,000 miles, Alloys, Leather
95M A6 2.6 SE ESTATE, Indigo Blue, Auto, 12,000 miles, CC, Alarm, 1 Owner
90G 80 1.8 AUTOMATIC, Azurite Blue, Sunroof, PAS, FSH
90G AVANT 2.2E, Lago Blue, 5 Speed, Alloys, 49K, FSH
95N A4 1.8 AUTOMATIC, Metallic Green, Leather, Ex Demo, 4K

ST. JOHNS WOOD

94M 16V COUPE, Ruby Red, Alloy Wheels, ABS, 12,000 miles
95M 80 2.6SE, Amazon Green, Ex Demo, Alarm, FSH, 6,000 miles
93L 80 2.0E AUTO ESTATE, White, PAS, ABS, CDL, Precon Tow, 21000m
95N 2.6 AUTO COUPE AMETHYST, 10 Spoke Alloys, Sunroof, ABS, 5K
92J 80 2.8 QUATTRO, Red, Air Conditioning, Alloys, Sunroof, ABS, Electric Windows, 49K
93K 100 2.0E SALOON, Titan Grey, Sunroof, ABS, PAS, 42,000 miles
94M A6 2.8 SE AUTO, Emerald Green, Black Leather, Remote Alarm, Walnut, 14,000 miles
95N A4 1.9 TDI, Ex Demo, Volcano Black, Alloy Wheels, SR, ABS
95N A8 4.2 TIPTRONIC, Volcano Black, Ecru Leather, Alloys, E/Seats, H/Light Wash, R/Locking

Audi Approved Used Cars
- Comprehensive Multi-Point Inspection & Preparation to Audi Standards
- Vehicle Mileage Chart by an independent checking service
- HPI Autodata Check to confirm authenticity of the vehicle
- Inclusive 12 month Audi Approved Warranty with optional upgrade or extension

Dovercourt Audi

[illegible]

AFN Audi

95N	A8 4.2 quattro Indigo Blue, Very High Spec	5T	P.O.A
95N	A8 4.2 quattro Crystal Silver, Alloys, Cruise Control	4T	P.O.A
95M	A8 4.2 quattro Cashmere Grey, Remote Locking, Rear Blinds	15T	P.O.A
94M	A8 4.2 quattro Amethyst Grey, Sports Suspension, Hi Spec	9T	P.O.A
94M	A8 4.2 quattro Amazon Green, Ecru, High Spec	10T	P.O.A
94M	RS2 Laser Red, Anthracite Leather	14T	P.O.A.
94L	S2 Est Ruby Red	31T	£25,995
95N	A8 2.6 SE Saloon Mass Aluminium Silver, Leather, Electric Seats, Sports Suspension, Remote Locking, 17" Avant Guard Alloys	6T	£27,995
95N	A6 2.6 SE Auto Est Aluminium Silver, ESR, Rear Child Seats, Met	6T	£28,995
95N	A6 2.0 SE Mauv Quartz Met, Climate Control, Walnut	5T	£21,995
95N	A4 Turbo Sport 150bhp Blue Pearl, Ecru Leather, Remote Locking, Climate Control	4T	£25,495
95N	A4 1.8 SE Mass Ragusa Green, Sports Seats, Sports Suspension, Electric Sunroof, Climate Control	5T	£19,995
95N	A4 1.8 Auto Brilliant Black	5T	£16,995
95N	A4 TDI SE Casablanca White, Climate Control	7T	£17,995
95N	A4 TDI Saloon Velvet Blue	7T	£16,495
95N	Coupe 2.6 Auto Blue Black, Walnut, Electric Sunroof	6T	£19,995
94M	Coupe 2.8 Inca Orange, Air Con, Headlamp Wash	11T	£22,995
95M	Cabriolet Auto Magenta Pearl, Leather, Air Con, Power Hood	9T	£25,995
95M	A6 2.5 SE TDI 140bhp Blue Pearl, Sports Seats, High Spec	11T	£22,495
95M	A6 2.0 SE Saloon Emerald Green, SE Model, Sports Seats	12T	£18,995
95M	80 2.0 16V SE Saloon Piemont Red, Alloys, ESR, Sports Seats	10T	£14,495
93L	80 1.6 Saloon Brilliant Blue	21T	£ 9,995
95M	80 2.0 SE Est Crystal Silver, Sports Seats, Alloys	9T	£17,495
95N	80 2.6 SE Est Blue Pearl	6T	£20,995
94M	A6 2.8 quattro Auto Saloon Indigo Blue, Alloys	12T	£22,895
94L	100 S4 Est Auto Emerald Green, Leather, Climate Control, Electric Sunroof, Remote Locking	19T	£32,995

GUILDFORD
01483 408800
0378 002004

ISLEWORTH
0181 5688700
0831 111911

Scotts Audi

0171-730 2131
0171-233 3636
0171-737 7133

After Hours:
0850 89 89 89

Audi. Vorsprung durch Technik.

95M AUDI S6 AUTO ESTATE Ragusa Leather Climate Control P/S/Roof Cruise Rear Seats S/Lev/Susp Scorpion 5000 H/Seats A/W 8,900 mls ...... £POA

95M AUDI S2 6SPEED ESTATE Volcano Black E/Recaros Aircon Cruise H/Seats Alcon Performance Brakes S/Suspension S/S/Wheel + Airbag Super Tint Glass Nothelle A/Wheels Total Spec 4,800 mls ...... £POA

95N AUDI 2.6E AUTO CONVERTIBLE Blue Pearl Sapphire Leather Power Hood Air Con Cruise Control A/Check H/Seats H/Locks OBC H/L/W Walnut Airbag 10 Spokes 2,600 mls ...... £POA

95N AUDI A4 2.8SE AUTO Black Jacquard Sports Seats Climate Control P/S/Roof Walnut Traction Control Ino System F/Arm Rest Twin Airbags ABS E/R/Windows R/Locking 60/40 Rear Seat Cassette Rack 18" Polished Alloys 2,900 mls ...... £POA

95M AUDI 2.6SE AUTO CONVERTIBLE Crystal Silver Power Hood Leather S/Seats Walnut Airbag ABS Alarm 10 Spokes 3,600 mls £28,495

94M AUDI 2.6E AUTO CONVERTIBLE Kingfisher Blue Black Satin S/Seats P/Hood ABS PRO 10 E/Windowsx4 EDM CDL Alarm 10 Spokes 3,600 mls £24,995

95M AUDI 80 2.6SE AUTO ESTATE Crystal Leather Aircon Cruise E/Sunroof OTG A/Check H/L/W R/Rails Scorpion 5000 6CD 10 Spokes 5,400 mls £24,495

94M AUDI 80 QUATTRO ESTATE 95MOD Blue Pearl S/Seats Aircon Airbag ABS ESR EWx4 EDM OTG A/Check OBC Thru Load Detachable Tow Pack H/Seats R/Rails Alarm 10 Spokes 15,900 mls £22,995

95N AUDI A4 TURBO SPORT Blue Pearl Black Leather S/Seats P/S/Roof Airbags ABS S/Suspension Competition Alloys 4,600 mls £21,995

95M AUDI A4 2.6 Volcano Anthracite Trim P/S/Roof A/Bag ABS Walnut S/Susp Boot Spoiler S/S/Wheel & A/Bag 6 CD 17" Alloys 5,600 mls £21,495

94M AUDI A4 1.8SE Blue Pearl S/Seats ABS Climate Control ASC S/S/Wheel A/Bag S/Susp S/Exhaust Alcantara Inlays 6 CD Antera A/W 8,500 mls £20,495

94L AUDI 2.3E CONVERTIBLE Laser Red Black Hood S/Seats PAS ABS PRO10 EWx4 EDM Scorpion 1000 + Interface 6CD 10 Spokes 24,500 mls £19,995

95M AUDI A4 1.8 Crystal Silver Grey Cloth ABS Airbag P/S/Roof E/Windows E/Mirrors Tints A/S/Column Alloys 2,900 mls £17,995

94M AUDI 80 TDI SE AUTO ESTATE 95MOD Crystal Silver Sapphire Jacquard S/Seats Airbag ABS ESR EW F/Fogs R/Rails Alarm 10 Spokes 24,300 mls £16,995

95M AUDI A4 1.8 Velvet Blue Grey Cloth ABS Airbag EW EDM CDL ASC Tints Stereo Alarm 3,900 mls £14,995

94M AUDI 80 2.0E SPORT Brilliant Black ABS PRO10 ESR EW EDM CDL Boot Spoiler Tints S/Susp Alarm Alloys 12,600 mls £14,295

93K AUDI 80 2.0E SALOON Azurite Blue Sapphire Trim ABS PRO10 EWx4 R/Alarm + CDL ESR Tints Stereo 5 Speed 41,400 mls £18,495

Douglas Stewart Audi

94M 80 1.6SE Forest Green	£12,495
93L 80 1.9TDI White, SR, ABS, PAS	£11,995
93L 80 1.9TDI Ragusa, SR, ABS, PAS	£12,395
94M 80 1.9TDI Amethyst, SR, ABS, PAS, Alarm	£13,495
92J 80 2.0E Laser Red, SR, EFW, ABS, PAS	£7,995
93K 80 2.0E White, PAS, ABS	£10,995
94L 80 2.6E Sport Volcano Black	£12,995
95M 80 16V Indigo Blue, SR, ABS, PAS	£14,995
93K Cabriolet 2.3E White, Blue Roof, Lthr	£15,995
95M 80 2.6E SE Estate Amethyst	£18,495
93K 100 2.0E Estate Minerva RR, EW	£11,995
95M A6 2.0E SE Estate Blue Pearl	£18,995
95N A4 2.6E Volcano Black, Monza Alloys, BS	£POA
95N A6 2.6E SE Estate Blue Pearl	£POA

01992 712323

Audi. Vorsprung durch Technik.

Skinners Audi (01323) 647141

95 M 2.0E Cabriolet, Tornado, PAS, ABS, 7K	£19,995
93 L 100 2.5 TDi 6 Sp, Crystal, Climate, PAS, EW, ABS	£14,995
94 L 80 TDI Estate, Alpine, ESR, PAS, ABS, CL, 16K	£13,495
92 K 80 2.8E Quattro, Crystal Silver, PAS, EFW, ESR, ABS Walnut Dash, Rear Spoiler, 51K	£12,495
92 K 100 2.6E Auto, Crystal, Climate, SR, Alloys, Walnut Dash, E/Seats, R/Locking, F/Fogs	£12,495
93 L 80 2.0E Estate, Crystal, ABS, SR, EFW, 43K	£11,995
93 K 80 2.0E, Laser Red, ESR, PAS, Alarm, 17K	£10,495
92 J 100 2.3E Estate, Crystal, Climate, Elm Dash, Trip Computer	£10,995
92 J 80 2.8E, Volcano Black Met., PAS, EFW, ABS, SR, 51K	£9,995
90 G Coupé 2.3 20v, Lago Blue, ESR, Alloys, ABS, Elm Dash	£8,995
91 J 80 2.0 SE, Azurite Blue, ESR, Alloys	£6,995
91 H 80 2.0 E Auto, Azurite Blue, SR, EFW, 48K	£6,995
91 H 100 2.3E Auto, Lago Blue Met., PAS, EW, ESR, CL	£5,995

Call Simon Rivett or Giles Whittaker

After Hours 0860 435620

Lockyear Audi

80 2.0 93J electric sunroof, ABS, central locking, panther metallic, one owner, 46k ...... £ 8,495
80 2.0E 93J ABS, central locking, sunroof, azure blue, two owners, 57k ...... £ 8,995
80 2.0 93J auto, air con, alloy wheels, electric sunroof, tornado red, one owner, 62k ...... £ 9,495
80 TDI 94, electric sunroof, ABS, power steering, silver, one owner, 11k £12,995
80 TDI Est 93L air conditioning, electric sunroof, flash red, two owners, 43k £12,995
80 TDI Est 93K electric sunroof, central locking, tornado red, one owner, 27k £12,995
Coupe 2.0E 90H electric sunroof, alloys, central locking, alpine white, two owners, 50k ...... £ 8,995
Coupe 2.6 Auto 95M air con, ecru leather upholstery, sport seats, walnut, pearl blue, one owner, 5k £22,995
Coupe S2 95M air conditioning, walnut dash, ecru leather, heated seats, pearl blue metallic, one owner, 3k £29,995
S2 Est 93K 6spd, air conditioning, leather, walnut, remote locking, electric sunroof, emerald, two owners, 58k £21,995
Cabriolet 2.8 94L leather upholstery, lumbar support, onboard computer, ruby red, one owner, 35k £19,995
100 2.3 Est Auto 93J electric sunroof, electric windows, glacier metallic, 3 owners, 59k £11,995
100 2.0E Est 94M electric sunroof, roof rails, 10 spoke alloys, tornado red, one owner, 12k £15,995
100 2.0E Est 93K roof rails, glacier metallic, one owner, 53k £10,995
100 2.0E Est 94L alloy wheels, walnut, roof rails, sport seats, emerald met, two owners, 37k £14,995
A4 Quattro 95M climate control, remote locking, walnut, boot spoiler, ragusa, one owner, 4k £23,995
A4 1.8 95M 16" competition alloy wheels, sports suspension, sports steering wheel, sports seats, front fog lights, aluminium silver, 1 owner, 6k £18,995
A6 2.0E Auto 95M electric sunroof, ABS, electric windows, velvet blue, one owner, 9k £18,995
A6 2.6SE 94M climate control, eight spoke alloys, pearl blue metallic, one owner, 18k £17,995
A6 2.6 SE Est Auto 95M 96mdl rear seats, 16" competition alloys, walnut, aluminium silver, one owner, 9k £26,995
S4 Est 93K six speed, climate control, walnut, electric sunroof, amethyst met, one owner, 71k £17,995
A8 4.2 Quattro 94M very high specification, volcano black metallic, two owners, 23k £39,995

Sussex 01403 242211
Surrey 01483 277696
Open Sunday 10am–4pm

AMERICAN CARS

AMERICAN CAR IMPORTS

UK MARKET LEADERS IN SUPPLYING ALL MAKES OF NEW AND USED AMERICAN VEHICLES

- On site in North America every month
- Computer pricing system for all new vehicles
- Unique brochure display
- Small deposit required for new vehicle orders
- We take vehicles on consignment & buy all American vehicles
- Insurance parts and servicing arranged
- Office in Florida
- Numerous press recommendations & refs
- AA Warranties Available

We Buy Late Low Mileage American Vehicles-Call For Immediate Decision

1996 Dodge Ram Club Cab 5.2 V8 Laramie SLT £21,800 + VAT
1996 [illegible] Plymouth Voyager LE £23,500
1996 Pontiac Transport N reg [illegible] £21,995
1992 K Ford Mustang 5.0 Conv. 4k mls red with black int £10,995
1991 Geo Storm auto a/c a/bag 25k £8,800
1989 Pontiac Bonneville SSE 3.8 V6 [illegible] £8,995
1989 Cadillac Sedan Deville, Black with Landau Roof, vgc £5,500
1986 Mercury [illegible] superb £4,995
1986 Pontiac GTO, [illegible] ...... £Offers

Tel: 0181 889 4545
Fax: 0181 889 7500
57-59 Coburg Road, Wood Green, London N22 6UB

ASTON MARTIN

ASTON MARTIN New, unregistered. DB7 coupe, pacific Blue, auto, best offers. 0171 9176100

VOLANTE V8, 87E. 5spd, silver/ black trim, approx 18,000 mls, service hist, mine since 1990, excellent throughout, £60,000. 01342 835026/0836 698799

ASTON MARTIN LAGONDA.
1990 H reg. Rolls Royce Royal blue, magnolia hide/ piped blue. approx 25k miles. full factory service history. 1 private owner. mint condition throughout. OIRO £40,000. part exchange considered.
Tel: 01708 471340 (O)
01375 891832 (H)
0860 358370 (M)

ASTON MARTIN DB6 1968 'F'
Midnight Blue. Auto. 6,500 miles since engine rebuild.
£19,750
Henley: 01491 572012 (private).

ASTON MARTIN

ASTON MARTIN Virage 91J 29T £53,995 0114 276 8822/ 0831 480011

ALFA ROMEO

NEW GTVs 16v Twin spark. choice of 3 cars - red or black. LHD only. Immediate delivery. Prices from £21,950 New GTV V6 Turbo. LHD Red. Air bags. Electric sunroof. Delivery for Feb 1996 £26,350. New Spider 3.0 V6. LHD Black. Alloys Air bags Immediate delivery. £26,950 All cars Manufacturers warranty. Autodelta 0181 991 5046.

AUDI AUTHORISED

CABRIOLET 2.6E, 95 N-registered. Kingfisher blue with black hood, sapphire half leather trim, only 850 miles. £24,500. Tel: 01386 870612.T

AUDI

V8 WANTED
4.2l
tel: day
01142 754800
or evenings
01142 309558

AUDI

2.6E Coupe, auto, 95N, met black/beige hide, air con, CD. 3,000 miles. As new. £21,950. 0115 9242344 (evening).

CABRIOLET 2.0 (L), forest green met / black hood. 12,000 mls, FSH. £16,800. 0171 376 7546

BMW

320i 96 M. Conv. red with black electric hood, lether seats & many other extras. 11,000 mls. One private owner from new £23,900. Tel 01302 700080

320i SE 1994 M. auto. 4 dr. mid blue. 10 CD stereo. 7.5 K mls. sale due to move. £18,500. 0171 3841588 eves/wkends

325TDS SE Auto. 95M. Calypso red. 10k mls. 4 dr. 2½ yrs warr. Mint. £19,995. 0181 2242344.

BMW 325i COUPE
L Reg. Samoa Blue, every conceivable extra, very low mileage. Full BMW service history, reluctant sale.
FIRST TO SEE WILL BUY
Serious offers over £23,750.
Tel: H 01753 686313
W 0181 8440805

320iSE 94(M) 18,000m, alarm, FSH, multi-cd, boston green. £17,500. Tel: 01302 720864.

320i coupe. 94 L. black, exc cond. 25k mls, extras. £16,950. Henley 01491 572012.

320i Touring 95(N) 7k mls met red grey lthr extras £22,600. 01580 893808/ 01959 570199

325 TDS SE N reg. metallic paint. mud flaps and casette. 2k miles. 1 owner. £19,750. 0181 669 2781 or 0860 932628.

850i
February 1991. Mauritius Blue/light silver leather. ex Patrick collection. every concievable factory extra fitted. FBMWSH.
Stunning car
£29,500.
Tel: 0131 339 0011

325TD. 1994. Bright Red. esr. alloys. FBMWSH. BMW Warranty to June 1997. 56k £14,600. 01578 470361.T

328 SPORT Dec 95 N. 900 mls. Boston/Beige lthr. V.high spec £27,995 01925 495104

328i convertible, auto, red, black lthr. 10k mls. 1 own, FBMWSH immac. £31,750. Tel: 01772 621025 (W) or 01257 271163.

318iSE Touring 94(M) oxford green, alarm, phone. 9K miles. £16,850 Tel: 01277 231668.

525i SPORT
92 K reg. 41,000 miles, diamond black, full leather seats, full sports kit, pioneer CD/stereo, BMW high tech alarm system, alloys, FBMWSH, garaged, £16,500 or nearest offer.
Tel : 01734 813 020 or 0836 688 032.

BMW

520i G reg. Black. Alloys. Superb Condition. Bargain at £6,000. Tel: 01476 860979

525i 24V. SE. Tour. Auto. 92 J. Granite Silver met. Stereo/ cass. Air + 2 x ESR. Alarm. FBMWSH. 77k. Excellent condition. £10,950. 01494 814776 H. 01483 482303 O.

525i SE 24V, white. (H) June 91. 27k mls. FSH, alloys, sun roof, leather seats, multi CD, phone, alarm, lady owner. £10,750. Tel:0181 789 4174.

M3 CONVERTIBLE
94 M. Cosmos black with full Lotus White Leather. Stunning spec. A/C. heated elecrtic seats, C-C, PDC, 10 speaker system, CD, graduated tinted screen, headlamp wash/wipe, ski load. With or without plate 'M3 HRH'. Alarm. FSH.
Guaranteed finance available
Offers around £35,800.
0181 332 2578
or 0973 299389

M3 SALOON
95N, 7000 miles, unique spec, All black, A/C, cruise, alarm, etc.
Offers around £34,000.
Tel: 01224 32800
no canvassers

London's No. 1 Independent BMW Dealer MILDMAY
BMW SPECIALISTS (Est. 1979)
Why Pay Main Dealer Prices?
91J 325i SE Auto Calypso Red, ESR a/w 67K FSH £11,995
90G 320i Auto Jet Black SR a/w Alloys 71K FSH £7,995
94M 325i Conv. Auto Diamond Blk, Pwr Hood, Alloys, Stereo, 1 Own 8K FSH £25,750
92J 320i SE Diamond Blk Sport Susp, 29K FSH £10,495
92J 325i SE Auto Calypso Red, E/W, ESR, Alloys, 1 Own, FSH, C/Code + R Spoil £11,995
91J 318i A. Glz Blu, ESR, E/W, FSH £11,495
92J 318i Jet Blk S/R E/W 29K FSH £12,495
87E 325i Conv Laser Silver, Natural Hide, 4 E/W, Alloys £10,250
87E 325i Auto 4 dr Diamond Blk, Natural Hide, ESR, 4 E/W, M. Tech Kit, X-Spokes £8,495
90H 320i SE 4dr Sterling Silver, ESR, 4 e/w, BBS, alarm, stereo, FSH £7,995
90H 318i Auto 4dr Diamond Blk, ESR, a/w, 54K FSH £8,995
91H 318i Lux Brill Red, s/c, a/w, BBS, BMW alarm, 44K FSH £8,495
BMW'S WANTED ALL MODELS
For Sales & Servicing at Competitive Rates
Tel. 0171-254 4765
or 0171-241 1539
42 MILDMAY PARK
ISLINGTON N1 4PJ

528i SE Tourer. FBMWSH, vgc. 93(K). Granite Met. 49.5k mls. £14,850. 0171 7166048(Work)

530i SE. June 1990 G. Glacier Blue met, full M-Tech kit. 88K with BMW FSH, superb. £8,250. 01434 607854.T

530i SE Auto. 91 H. met silver. 60K mls. warranty, FBMWSH. £9,950. 01342 842473

530 V8 93L. 15,000 mls. FSH. RHR. FAR. ESR. Sony CD. 17" alloys. cond as new. 1 own. brill red. £20,500 ono. 0181 531 8904 (H) 0181 5235050 (W)

535i SE man. 91H. Island green. anthracite cloth. alarm. 39k mls FBMWSH. 2 owners. Immac. £11,600. 01992 479312.

730 V8 94 L. 12k mls. mel black. lthr. p.d.c., a/c. CD. cruise. BMW alarm. FSH. Immac. £26,800. 01608 528613

735iASE 1987E 2 owners. FBMWSH. extras include Servotronic x/spoke alloys. £5,600. Tel: 01684 892600.

M3 CONVERTIBLE 1989 S. 1 of 40 in UK. Mosanno red/black hide. 36k mls. FSH. CD. 2 owners. Immac cond. £15,996. 01962 713818/ 0973 131648.

M3
'94 Reg. (M3 GBC), avus blue, black leather, Tracker, air con, spoiler, larger alloys, CD, 25,000 mls. £30,950.
730i
'95 M Reg. Ascot green, grey lthr, fully loaded plus heated comfort seats with lumber support, park distance control, mfg wty. 28,000 miles. £33,950
Tel: 01246 233777.

318 Ti SE COMPACT
Nepal silver, Anthracite trim, January 1995 Reg. 1 private owner, 5,000 miles.
£16,295.
WARNERS OF GLOUCESTER
01452 529755.

SUMMER IS COMING!
325I convertible
Auto, 1995, 9K mls, samoa blue, leather, full colour, alarm, as new, must sell
£28,495.
Tel:0181 954 9009
(eves/wkends)
0181 882 1111
(office).

BMW

M3 Coupe 95M Daytona & svr ltr a/c cruise esr r/heads Tracker. Thatch 1 alarm, FBMWSH, 9k mls. £32,980 0161 929 1652

M3 94L, Avus Blue, air con, Motorsport Spoiler & Alloys, leather upholstery. £29,995. Telephone: 01925 418428.T

M5 '94 (L) Lagoon. Full Nurburgring Pack. Rear spoiler. 6 stack CD. FBMWSH. Immac. £31,750. 0141 334 6666 work

NEW BMW 328i Cpe only £359pm Includes Metallic and E/Sunroof + VAT. 3+33. 10,000 mpa. No maint. Call 01342 301465 Mon-Fri. Meridian Contract Hire.

M3
93, L reg.
Diamond black metallic, ESR, FSH, BMW alarm
MD's car
58k mls, £23,995.
Call Dominic Wishlade
01844 278800
(weekdays).

730 V8 NEW SHAPE
Sept 94M. Orient Blue. Grey leather. full spec. full BMW service history, motorway miles. Value at £27,995.
Tel 0836 602875
(weekend)
01684 751521 (week day).

BMW WANTED

WE DON'T BUY RUN OF THE MILCARS
BUT WE DO BUY QUALITY, HIGH SPEC, LOW MILEAGE BMW'S
CALL GARY WILLS ON
0831 722227

BMW WANTED

87 95 Premium Prices paid for all low mlge BMW'S Mole Valley Motor Group 01372 749090

M3 CONV Urgently required. Private buyer. 01494 434565 (Day) or 01494 871690 (Eves)

CITROËN

CITROEN IN ST IVES CAMBRIDGESHIRE

1996 N XM 2.1 VSX TD Est Auto Quartz, New + unused, full Makers Warranty ...... £[illegible]
1995 N XM 2.1 VSX TD, M/Night Blue, 21K, Exp, Makers Warranty until Feb 98 ...... £[illegible]
1994 M Xantia 1.6i, Red, Chat one car ...... £[illegible]
1990 H CX 25 TGI, Gentleman 8 Seater Auto ...... £[illegible]
1990 H CX 25 TGI, Saloon Estate Auto, A/C ...... £[illegible]
1983 SM EF Manual, Silver, Exceptional ...... £[illegible]
1987 CX 25 GTI Turbo 2, Black, ABS ...... £[illegible]

LOMAX 3 WHEELER,
[illegible]
£2,495

BRAMLEY PARK GARAGES
Incorporating The CX Centre
01480 494132

CLASSIC CARS

Ex-Jackie Stewart's E-type 1961
Series 1 flat floor roadster
Full History
Tel: 01799 521410
Offers around £40K

Big Healey Ltd
All aspects of Austin Healey Sports Car, Sales, Service, Restoration & Repair.
Conversant with Big Healeys since 1958 with many concourse wins.
Healeys bought and sold
Friendly, Courteous Service
Nr Newark, Notts
01636 671908

BMW AUTHORISED DEALERS

THE M POWER COLLECTION

M3 Conv 94M Avus Blue/Light Grey Hide, Air Con, Cruise, Factory Hard Top ... 20T £35,495
M3 Conv 94M Daytona Violet/Black Hide, D/Airbag, R/Anti Theft, Hi-Fi Pack 14T £33,995
M5 3.8 6 Speed 94M Cosmos Black/Silver, Twin Airbags, Sports Servotronic, CD 6T £38,995
M5 90H Diamond Black/Anth, 3.8 Alloys, R/Spoiler, Auto Air 45T £19,995
M6 89F Highline Diamond Black/Silver Hide, Dechrome, A/C, S/Sts, Mem Seats 27T £22,995
A FURTHER 60 HIGH SPECIFICATION USED CARS AVAILABLE FROM OUR HIGHGATE SHOWROOM.

Hexagon 0181-348 5151

SPECIALIST CARS

M3 Coupe 94 (L). Arctic silver/leather, air, ESR, rear heads, spoiler, OBC, 21k £30,000
525 Auto, 92 (K). Laser blue, air, alloys, 21k £16,000

081 840 8400
OPEN SUNDAYS

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways ..."

IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT YOUR BMW, CALL US FOR ANOTHER INSTANT QUOTATION.

Naturally, you want the best for your BMW. But perhaps you think you can't afford to lavish genuine BMW care upon it?

If so, a single phone call could well prove you wrong.

Because, thanks to a new computerised system, your BMW Dealer can now give you an accurate and competitive quotation on servicing and key repairs in a matter of seconds.

So call your Dealer* for an instant quotation.† Or call this free number for details of your BMW dealership:

0800 777119

THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MACHINE
(KEEP IT THAT WAY)

[illegible]

94 M 840Ci Cosmos black light silver grey leather 9T £42,995 Ian Anthony 01204 399633

95 M 740 Arctic silver lth comfort seats + mem, PDC GSM car phone + more 9T £41,995 Ian Anthony 01204 399633

740i Auto 96M. Aspen Silver, classic alloys, GSM phone, PDC, hi-fi, 9,339 mls. £39,995. Rydale Cars 0121 552 2825. Sunday 0374 934000

94 M M3 Cpe Magello red ESR RBS etc 6T £29,995 Ian Anthony 01204 399633

L&C Tunbridge Wells

3 Series
J 316i 4dr Black/Anth. PAS. Alarm £9,995
L 316i 4dr Brilliant/Anth. Sht GTS £11,995
K 318i SE Granite. ESR. 1 ow £12,995
L 318i SE Brilliant/Anth. Stereo £13,995
J 320i SE Black/Anth 1 ow FSH £12,995
L 320i Cpe Granite/Anth. 1 ow 7T £19,995
M 320i Cpe Met Green/Blk A/c £19,995
H 325i SE Sterling. 1 ow FSH £12,995
H 325i Saloon Silver/Anth. [illegible] £12,995
K 325i Cpe Brilliant. A/c. CD. 25T £16,995

3 Series Auto
J 318i Brilliant Red. S/r. FSH £11,495
G 318i A Black/Anth. Lw mlg. 1 ow £7,995
L 318i S Cpe Sterling/Blk. 7T £18,495
H 320i SE 4dr Sterling. ESR £11,495
D 325i Red/Anth. S/r. C/l. Lw mlg. £4,995
K 325i Cpe Calypso/Anth. 6T £19,995
L 325 TD Alpine/Anth. FSH £14,995
M 325 TDS SE Jet Black £17,995
M 325 TDS Montreal. ESR £18,995

5 Series
J 520i SE Auto Arctic Silver/Anth £12,995
L 520i SE Granite/Silver Grey £15,995
L/M 520i SE Auto Choice 4 from £19,995
L 525i SE Auto Sterling. FSH £18,995
L/M 525 TDS SE Choice 3 from £18,995
M 525i SE Diamond Black. 13T £19,995
N 525i SE Auto Calypso/Blk £25,995

7 Series
K 740i Auto Alpine/Blk. OBC £22,995
M 740i Auto Oxford/Blk. TV £41,995

8 Series
M 840i Auto Oxford/Parch. CD 9T £POA

Touring
M 525i SE Auto Choice 3 from £19,995
M 525i SE Auto Oxford. Tracker £22,495

Convertibles
H 320i White. Blue hood. 1 ow £12,995
J 325i Motorsport Calypso £18,995

7 Days 01892 548877
24 Hrs 0589 677892

Best prices paid for quality used BMW

94 M 318iS Auto Cpe Alpine white a/c, OBC, twin a/b, + more 12T £19,600 Ian Anthony 01204 399633

730i Auto 95M Ascot Green/ Beige Leather Comfort Seats Elec Blinds Top HiFi Mirror Pack 9,000 miles £35,000 Sytner 0116 924 1144

Neep COLCHESTER

730i 1992 K £19,995
Calypso red/silver grey hide, 44k
M3 1994 L £28,995
2 Door Coupé, red, black leather, air conditioning, sunroof, alloys, full service history, multi stack CD
525i SE Auto 1995 N £28,995
Sorrento blue metallic/silver cloth, A/C, 1k
525i 1995 M £25,495
Sport, Avus blue/anth stereo, 2k
320i 1995 N £22,995
Touring Cosmos Black/Beige leather, ESR, D/Spoke alloys R/H
325 1995 N £20,995
T/Diesel Auto, Boston green/ Anthracite, ESR, full colour 4k
M3 1989 N £37,995
Convertible Avis blue/grey leather, full spec, CD player
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
01206 751100

IVOR HOLMES BMW

CLASSIC 3 SERIES
93L 318i Tour Lux, 18K, Diamond Black/Silver Cloth, ESR, PAS £12,995

NEW SHAPE 3 SERIES
93K 318i Auto, 37K, Alpine/Anth, ESR, PAS, ABS, E/F/Windows, Alloys £12,995
93J 320i Coupe, 41K, Lagoon Green/Lt Silver Grey Lthr, ESR, ABS, Alloys £13,995
95M 318 TDS SE, 10K, Bright Red/Anth, Alloys, ESR, Fogs, ABS, PAS, Airbag £16,995
95N 318iS Coupe, 6K, Montreal/Silver, ESR, S/Seats, M-Tech Kit, Spoiler, 17" Alloys £21,995
94L M3, 30K, Cosmos Black/Grey Cloth/Ltr, ESR, Alloys, ABS, PAS, Front Fogs £28,995

5 SERIES
91H 520i SE Auto, Granite/Anth, ESR, X-Spokes, Dechrome £10,995
95M 520i SE A Tour, 14K, Calypso/Grey, Dual Sunroof, X-Spokes, Fogs £19,995
93K 530 V8 Auto, 24K, Alpine/Grey Ltr, ESR, TR-Alloys, Thru load, Wood Trim £28,995
95M 525 SE Auto Tour, Orient/Silver Cloth, 2xS/R, X-Spokes, Dh/Nat £24,995

TEL: 01582 576622

Cotswold

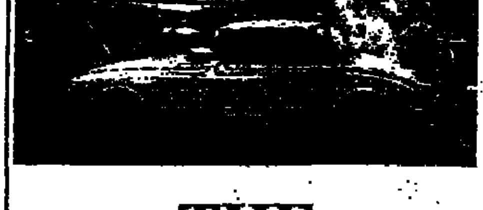
92K	316i, Alpine White, Sunroof, 39K	£11,495
93L	316i Touring Lux, Mauritius Blue, Sunroof, 20K	£13,495
94L	316i Coupe, Mauritius Blue, Front Fogs, 21K	£14,995
89G	318i Touring, Diamond Black, Sunroof, 55K	£ 8,495
92K	318i, Keshmir Beige, Sunroof, 35K	£11,995
92K	318i, Granite Silver, 30K	£12,995
92K	320i Auto, Brilliant Red, Sunroof, 37K	£13,995
93L	320i SE, Granite Silver, Sunroof, Alloys, 42K	£16,495
93K	325i SE, Alpine White, SE Pack, MTech, 43K	£16,995
94M	325TD, Bright Red, Sunroof, Alloys, 18K	£17,995
94L	325i Conv, Arctic Silver, Black Leather, 12K	£28,495
94L	M3 Coupe, Diamond, Leather, Sunroof, 14K	£29,995
95M	525TDS SE Auto, Petrol Mica, Air Con, Ex-Demo	£24,495
95M	525i Auto SE, Oxford Green, S/R, Alloys, Ex-Demo	£24,995
95M	525i Auto SE, Calypso Red, Sunroof, 3K	£24,995
95N	730i Auto V8, Arctic Silver, X-Spoke Alloys, 6K	£39,995
94M	740i Auto V8, Calypso Red, Grey Leather, 30K	£34,995
95N	840Ci Auto Cosmos Black, MTech Alloys, Lthr, 4K	£49,995

Over 45 Used Cars Available

Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Telephone: 01242 578838
Open 7 days a week Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm

ACCESSORIES

Carcoon®



THE ANSWER!

FORGET EXPENSIVE TO RUN DE-HUMIDIFIERS AND HEATERS.

★ The Carcoon Airflow system stores your car in its own environment with a constant flow of fresh filtered air.

★ Carcoon protects against condensation and keeps your vehicle completely dry and dust free.

★ Suitable for both short and long term use with running costs not much more than a penny a day!

From £299.00 + VAT

IF YOU CARE FOR IT - CARCOON IT!

For further Information Contact:
CARPRIDE LTD
Tel: 0171 491 7878
Fax: 0171 629 7588

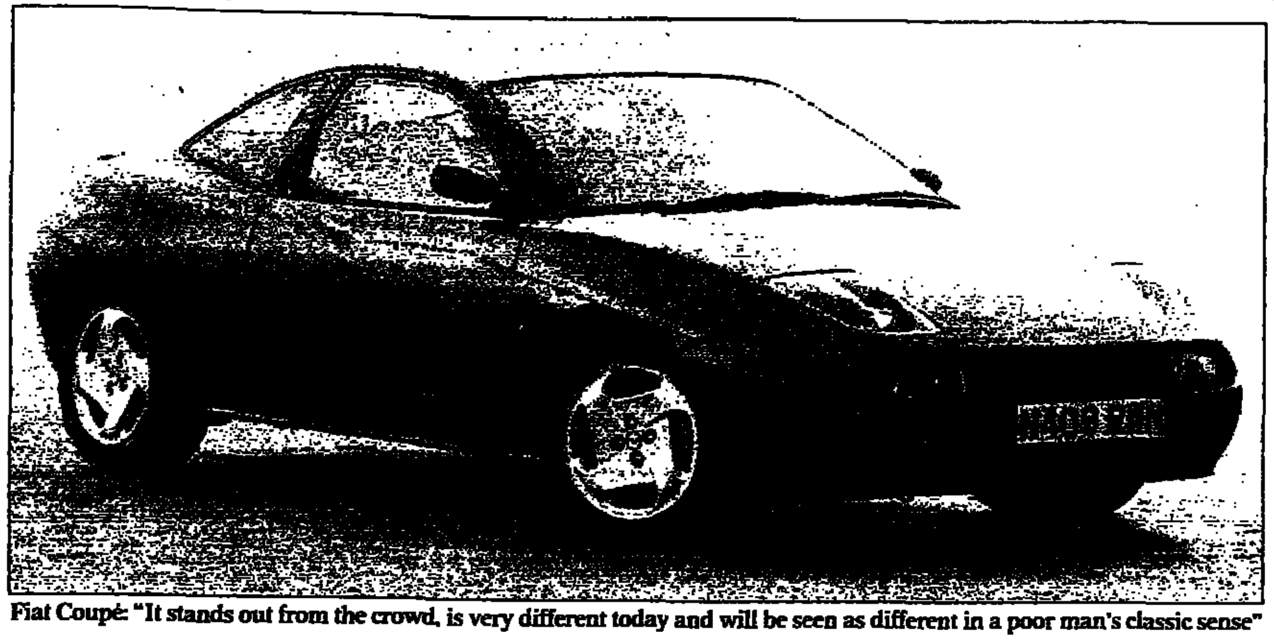
Carcoon UK

هكذا من الأصل

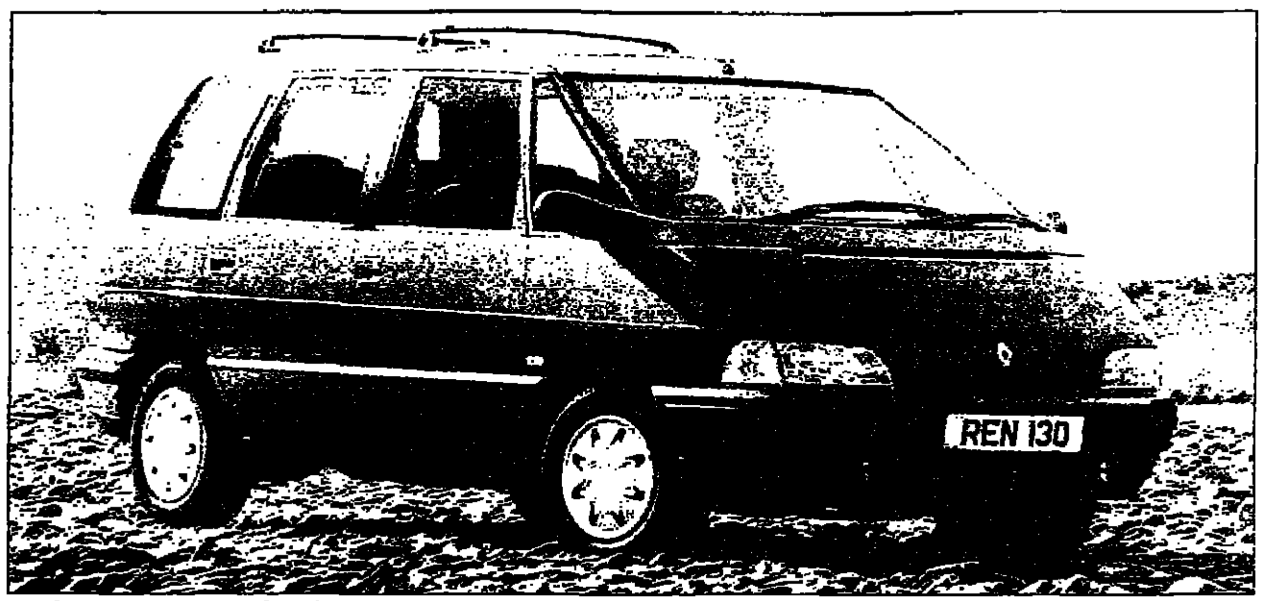
هكذا من الاصل

Are any classics of 2096 among today's production-line cars? **Vaughan Freeman** asked some top designers

Potential style mileage to last the distance



Fiat Coupé: "It stands out from the crowd, is very different today and will be seen as different in a poor man's classic sense"



Renault Espace: "Definitely a classic, the one vehicle that has broken the mould from an engineering point of view"

Bulging headlamps, spoked wheels and a roaring engine fill our hearts and empty the wallets of enthusiasts who devote themselves to the classic cars from the past century. But what should you wrap today in cellophane and lock away, waiting for the day it becomes a classic?

Of the cars that roll off the production lines and fill showrooms by the million, will any excite passion — or even a shred of passing interest— in the vintage and veteran car movement of 2096?

Visualising the classic car nut of the future deep in concentration *twiddling with* the nuts and bolts of a Ford Escort seems a might unlikely — but that is precisely what happens today with owners of Ford Model Ts who love and cherish a car that put the world on wheels.

To establish the classics of the future, we asked three of Britain's top designers, now sketching the cars we will be driving in 10 years' time, and responsible for many of the cars we are driving now, to name the models of today they admire most. It was a struggle in a world of "jelly mould" models, but they did find some shapes and engineering achievements to admire.

Gordon Murray, technical director of McLaren Cars and the man behind the audacious 231mph McLaren F1 — one of the few cars being built today that might bear scrutiny as a future classic — is not hopeful that the crop of 1996 will inspire future generations.

"I am not 100 per cent nostalgic when it comes to cars," he says. "There are very few modern cars I would consider future classics, that is a car that is well engineered and does not just rely on its aesthetic appeal or body style.

"I would hope that the F1 would be considered a classic in 30 or 40 years' time. I think the F40 Ferrari, although not at first sight a well-balanced car, with ducts and scoops and shut lines all over the place, is a future classic in a butch sort of way. In a twee way, the *Renault Twingo might survive*, in the same way that the Citroën 2CV and VW Beetle have.

"The Renault Espace will definitely be a classic, the one vehicle that has broken the mould from an engineering point of view, as a car-sized multi-purpose vehicle with the external dimensions of a BMW 3 Series and excellent versatility.

"From volume manufacturers, I don't see anything around to replace the Mini or the Fiat Cinquecento, which revolutionised motoring. I would like to be able to draw up a long list of road cars that could be future classics, but, sadly, I just can't think of any."

Roy Axe, managing director of Design Research Associates and former Rover Group design director working on models such as the Montego, says: "In general, cars that are really classical in the sense of high value, are almost invariably the rare ones.

"For instance, the McLaren F1 is going to remain a car of value because there are so few of them. The more exotic of the Ferraris and Lamborghinis will do very well down-stream, even if they are going to be valuable museum pieces.

"The higher volume the product, the more it falls into a more difficult category where it needs to be judged on its technical value and overall contribution. If we think about the Mini, voted Car of the Century by *Autocar* magazine — though I have a little bit of doubt about that choice — that revolutionised motoring with the engine put sideways, increased space inside and reduced exterior dimensions, a dramatic change that made a significant impact.

"Modern cars are very satisfactory and do the job very well, but at the same time the degree to which they excite the emotional reactions has gone downhill. Most production cars become less interesting as they become more reliable.

"One of the recent cars that did excite the emotions was the BMW Z1 with the roll-up doors, a car produced in low numbers, quite attractive and a definite future classic. You must have those sort of elements of design to make a car last. People movers and four-wheel drive off-roaders are modern examples of cars that, like the Mini, broke away from the conventional.

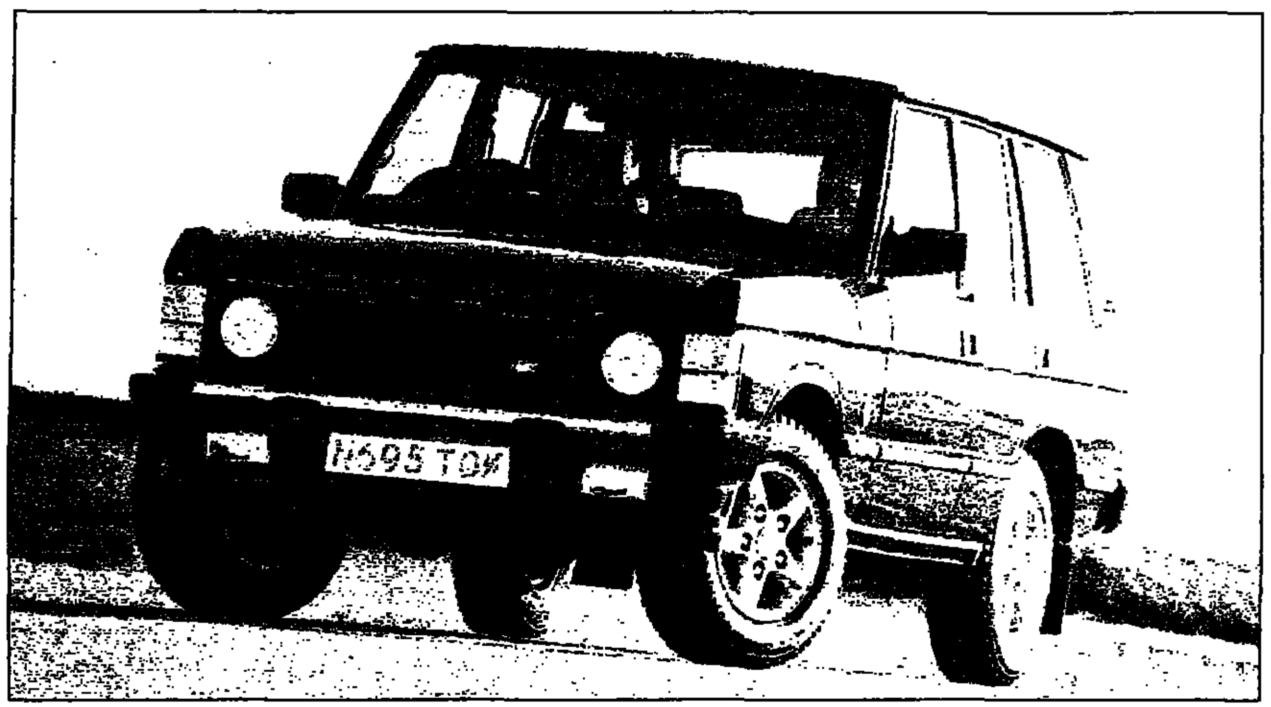
"The Chrysler Voyager, the *first real people carrier which* was the first of its kind in the market place, and the Renault Espace are vehicles that established a motoring trend that will be around for years. In the same way, the Range Rover Classic made off-road vehicles acceptable on-road."

GORDON SKED

"On the volume side, nothing is that memorable except for Fiat and the adventurous Bravo/Brava"

GORDON MURRAY

"In a twee way, the Renault Twingo might survive, the same way that the Citroën 2CV and VW Beetle have"



Range Rover Classic: "Starting with a blank blackboard and an engineering idea, then applying the right aesthetic design"

Gordon Sked, 25 years with *Rover*, six of them as design chief leading to the creation of the extremely well-received MG*F* sports car launched last year, now runs his own design studio. He says: "The current Fiat Coupé will go down as different. It stands out from the crowd, it is very different today and will be seen as different in a poor man's classic sense.

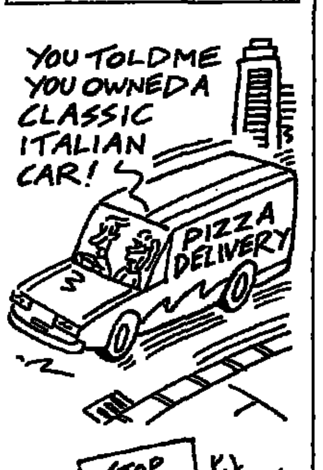
"At the top end of the scale, I think you have to look at the McLaren F1 and, much as I like the design of the car, for me what will make it a classic is its engineering efficiency and capabilities that make it, definitively, a triumph.

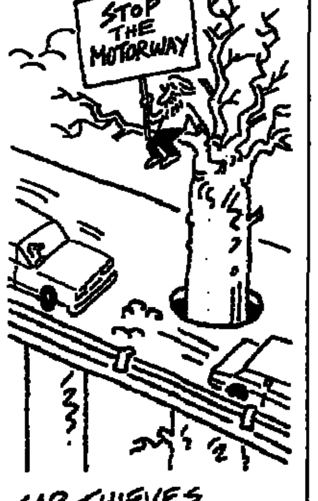
"At the bottom end, Rover is still making the Mini, it is still in production so fits the criteria of a modern car as a possible future classic. The Range Rover Classic — though here I am thinking of the early three-door design — like the Mini, was born of that curious British way of doing things, starting with a blank blackboard and saying here is an engineering idea and then applying to it the right aesthetic design. I hope that returns.

"The TVR is something like that. Although it is a *recognisable sports car design*, the technical elements set it aside. The Toyota RAV4 for me is a sort of surrogate urban vehicle, not a true off-roader or a conventional small car, but different, and a car that fills a niche of its own, also works."

Of today's mass-produced cars, Gordon Sked also doubts that many will survive as classics: "On the volume side, nothing is that memorable, with, again, perhaps the exception of Fiat, who have been adventurous with Bravo/Brava and the very good and competent Coupé, which stands out, with a different feel, a car that is nationalistic, very Italian, and works as a show car on the road far more successfully I think than the Tigra — which just doesn't work."

CAR . . . TOONS


YOU TOLD ME YOU OWNED A CLASSIC ITALIAN CAR!
PIZZA DELIVERY



CAR THIEVES ARE QUITE INGENIOUS THESE DAYS SIR

THERE'S A TRULY SERIOUS PARKING PROBLEM IN CENTRAL LONDON TODAY
talolane

Forget the good old days, you now get better cars without working as hard, says **Kevin Eason**

Nostalgia is simply not what it was

The price of an average semi was just £5,000, a prescription was 20p and you could munch a Mars Bar on the way to the pub where you could read a copy of *The Times* ... and still have change out of five bob — or 25p as we know it now.

But the rose-tinted nostalgia of Britain in 1970 before inflation does not stretch to cars. According to Bristol Street Vehicle Distribution, an average person would have had to work 2,193 hours to earn enough to spend £704 on a two-door Ford Escort — 405 hours more than today.

Despite the rage of consumer groups that car prices are too high compared with the US, Bristol Street argues that, while real earnings have *grown substantially*, car prices have not kept pace. At the same time, they are better-equipped, more economical and safer thanks to billions of pounds' worth of investment by manufacturers.

The company, part of BSG International, one of the country's biggest dealer groups, says *that it took longer to earn* enough money for even the smallest runabout in 1970 than it does today. Using calculations devised by the Central Statistical Office, Bristol Street reckons the same Escort today would take the average worker 1,788 hours' worth of earnings.

But the new car has the backing of extensive safety testing, lots of safety equipment, such as airbags, headrests and seat belts as well as a plush cabin and stereo and some guarantee of reliability — a factor that was singularly missing from many types of car 25 years ago. And buyers no longer have to sweat for the cash, scrimping their building society savings together, for this is the age of easy credit and a dozen ways to pay.

Paul Williams, the company's managing director, says: "I remember buying my first car. I borrowed the money, and paying it back left me with a car but little else for months afterwards. Though buying a car is still an important decision, it can be far less painful because of the variety of ways in which you can pay that don't demand full payment on the spot."

At the top end of the scale, the gap has widened even further: a basic Jaguar XJ6 with 2.8-litre engine in 1970 needed 6,230 hours of earnings; now that figure is 5,352, yet the Jaguar comes with a powerful 4-litre engine as standard, one of the world's most impressive electronic security systems and a record as the safest car in Britain in a crash.

"Think of the standard cars of yesterday," says Williams. "No headrests, no top quality cassette player, you felt every bump in the road as you banged along at 60mph trying to see out of a back windscreen that had neither wiper nor heater. Fifth gear would have been nice, let alone side impact bars, airbags and a compact disc player."

Not only has speed increased, he adds, but so has fuel economy which, coupled with petrol prices lower in real terms, makes motoring a great deal cheaper. The most basic Ford Escort today, says Williams, returns 10 miles more to the gallon than its 1970 predecessor, yet gets from rest to 60mph six seconds quicker and has a top speed 16mph higher — and is much more comfortable and quiet.

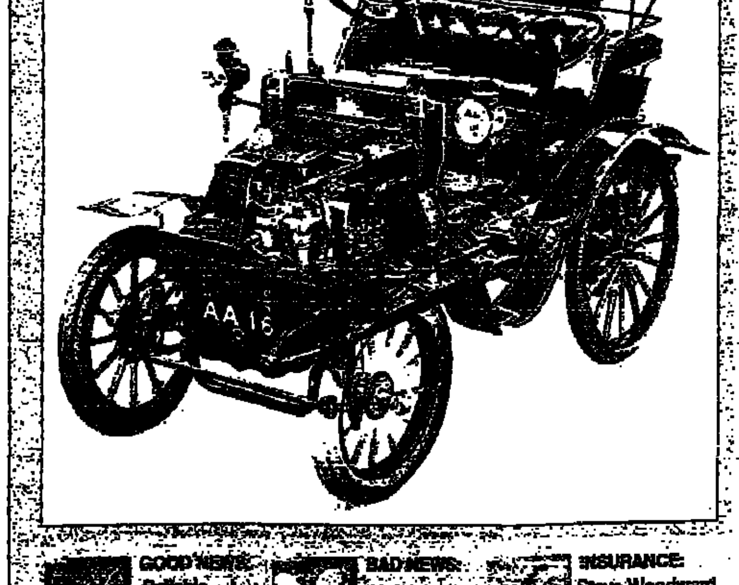
But the nostalgia factor is a powerful one, and Williams remembers the Ferraris and Aston Martins of a golden age with affection, as well as one other car of 1970. One of the cheapest cars on the market 25 years ago was a lowly Fiat 500 Sunroof which, not surprisingly, took its name from its most luxurious feature.

"Unfortunately," he adds, "the sunroof must have increased the wind resistance or weighed the car down because it boasted a maximum speed of just 59mph."

How long to earn your car (1970 and 1996):

- ● Mini 850 — £596 (1,857 hours); £6,346 (1,133).
- ● Ford Escort 2dr — £704 (2,193); £10,015 (1,788).
- ● Toyota Corolla — £799 (2,489); £11,688 (2,087).
- ● Land Rover short wheelbase — £980 (3,053); £17,890 (3,194).
- ● Morgan — £1,086 (3,383); £17,831 (3,183).
- ● Jaguar XJ6 — £2,000 (6,230); £29,979 (5,352.
- ● Porsche 911 coupé — £3,671 (11,435); £59,377 (10,601).
- ● Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow — £8,671 (27,010); £104,774 (18,705).

USED CAR BRIEF



In spite of the foreign name and design, first British-built car came from the British Daimler Syndicate, which was incorporated on January 14, 1896, under licence from Gottlieb Daimler in Germany. Early Daimlers were closely patterned on the French Panhard and Levassor twin-cylinder cars. By 1899, Daimler was building its own 3-litre, 12 horse-power, four-cylinder models. This came complete with modern gadgets, such as steering wheel, rather than the boat-style tiller. Ash wooden wheels shod with pneumatic tyres helped cushion the ride of the leaf-spring solid axle suspension

AVOID: Snow storms, rain, cold, *doors*, windscreen and windows are optional extras. Also avoid a bad back or weak wrist, as Daimler requires plenty of vim applied to its hand-cranked starter

SAFETY RATING: The nearest the Daimler gets to an airbag is the huge and bulbous horn fixed to the huge steering wheel which, mounted on a strictly non-collapsible and unyielding steering column, is aimed at the driver's chest. Seatbelts too absent

PRICE RANGE: Don't bother *unless you* can afford not to care. Simon Kidston, auction manager at Coys, says tiny market is a premium. The National Motor Museum Daimler would be £200,000 or more because of pedigree and condition

REPLACEMENT PARTS (prices include VAT): Parts *not* readily available at the local Halfords or quick-fit outlet. Most parts need to be custom-made, but can be located through enthusiasts and owners clubs and the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain (Tel 01462-742818)

OVERALL: Really a racer (John Scott-Montagu averaged 30mph during the Paris to Ostend race of 1899 in his), the Daimler *remains* one of the most elegant of models made in Britain. Favoured by Royalty, the 12 hp Daimler set new *standards of motoring* excellence and helped lay the foundation for Britain's burgeoning motor industry. Let's face it: how many Mondeos, Vectras, Rovers and Nissans parked in your street will still be running by the end of the next century - and who would want to drive them anyway?

GOOD NEWS: Reliable, according to witnesses such as John Scott Montagu, who introduced the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) to this car and began a tradition *of royal* Daimler ownership. Montagu used his Daimler to complete the 91 miles from Beaulieu to the Houses of Parliament, at an average 21mph

BAD NEWS: Lighting not a strong point since the huge lanterns are candle-powered. Braking generates huge amounts of adrenalin because the handbrake operates by wrapping wire around an applewood disc bolted to the rear wheel. The footbrake works on the transmission, simultaneously disengaging the clutch

INSURANCE: Steve Woodward, manager with Rushtons, says that securely garaged and limited to 2,000 miles-a-year, premiums could be as low as £800 and as high as £1,082 a year

LOOK FOR: Men with red flags and constables. The Daimler was the licence-losing speedster of its age, with a top speed of 35 to 40mph, equivalent to a modern car capable of 210mph

---

50 CARS BETWEEN £15,000 & £25,000

MODEL	PRICE		Chge
	Dec-95	Jan-96	
Volvo 850 2.0 20V GLT estate	17795	18095	1.68
Subara Legacy 2.0 4-cam estate	15095	15195	0.66
Saab 900i 16v convertible	18850	19150	1.59
BMW 325i automatic	18995	19150	0.81
Honda Prelude 2.3 4ws 2dr	15950	16295	2.16
Ford Scorpio 2.9V6 24v auto est	17650	17850	1.13
Vauxhall Omega 3.0V6 Elite auto	20500	20500	0.00
Nissan Patrol GR SGX diesel 5dr	19095	19150	0.28
Mitsubishi Sigma 3.0V6 24v	18650	18695	0.24
Mercedes-Benz C180 Classic auto	17895	18095	1.11
Audi 100 2.8E quattro 4dr	17395	17850	2.61
BMW 320i auto 4dr	17395	17850	0.89
BMW 525i auto 4dr	20750	20750	0.00
Citroen XM 2.5TD VSX estate	16250	15795	-2.8
Ford Maverick 2.7GLX TD 5dr	15250	15250	0.00
Honda Legend auto 4dr	23750	24750	4.21
Isuzu Trooper 3.2i 5dr	15950	16195	1.53
Land Rover Discovery 300 TDi	16650	16195	-3.00
Mazda Xedos 6 2.0iV6 SE auto 4dr	16195	16250	0.33
Mazda MX-6	*15095*	*15195*	*0.68*
Mercedes-Benz E220 auto 4dr	21000	21250	1.19
Mitsubishi Shogun V6 5dr	19550	19895	1.76
Peugeot 605V6 SVE 24v 4dr	15895	16095	1.88
Honda Legend Coupe auto	24500	25500	4.08
Nissan 200SX Touring	17750	17500	-1.40
Renault Espace 2.0RT	15350	15150	-1.30
Renault Safrane 3.0RXE V6 auto 5dr	16450	16650	1.21
Rover 800 Sterling auto 4dr	16750	16295	-2.71
Saab 900 2.5V6 SE 5dr	18895	19295	2.11
Saab 9000 CSE 2.3 Eco-power 5dr	21000	21250	1.19
Subara Impreza Turbo 2000 estate	*15295*	*15650*	2.32
Toyota Camry 3.0GX V6 auto 4dr	17150	17150	0.00
Toyota Landcruiser Dies 11 Tur.3dr	15950	15950	0.00
Vauxhall Omega 2.51 V6 CDX Estate	17095	17250	0.90
Volkswagen Corrado VR6	18195	18095	-0.54
Volkswagen Golf 2.8 VR6 5dr	15495	15950	2.93
Volvo 940GLE turbo-diesel 4dr	18450	18995	2.95
Audi 80 2.6E auto estate	15850	16150	1.89
BMW 520i Touring auto	19350	19595	1.26
Lexus 300GS	24500	24250	-1.02
Mercedes-Benz E250 D 4dr	22000	22250	1.13
Land Rover Discovery 3.9 V8iS 5dr	18195	17750	-2.44
Isuzu Trooper 3.1 Citation diesel	19159	19550	2.08
Saab 9000 CDE 2.0i Eco-power 4dr	17395	17250	-0.83
Honda Accord 2.3iSR auto 4dr	15695	16150	2.89
Chrysler Jeep Cherokee 4.0SE Ltd	19650	20500	4.83
Chrysler Cherokee 4.0LT auto 5dr	18495	19250	4.08
Mercedes-Benz C200 Elegance	20250	20750	2.46
Mercedes-Benz C250D Elegance auto	22250	22750	2.24
Alfa Romeo 164 3.0 Super Lusso auto	17395	17750	2.04

CAP

Prices rounded to simulate actual dealer forecourt prices HB = hatchback S = saloon. Price changes based on M-reg, low mileage cars. Figures supplied by ***CAP Motor Research.***

PRICES for "choose your own" registration plates are being simplified as the money keeps on rolling in from Britain's motorists.

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency has made £190 million from selling cherished plates which spell funny words and names and include all the prefix marks up to the current N-plate.

Now there will be two price bands, starting at £250 with most registration marks under £400. The premium band will have names, such as BOB and SUE, in them and will cost £399 and £990, depending on their numbers. Plates with the prefixes A, H, J, K, L and M come at the standard fees of £250 and £500, but anyone who wants a treasured first plate in the series with the number 1 will have to pay an extra premium. Current N-plates are also premium rate, starting at £699 with any number 1 at £1,999. There is also an assignment fee of £80 plus VAT. Further information from the DVLA on 0181-200-6565.

CAR 96

CLASSIC CARS

ALVIS TF21 Elegant 1966 car, complete return to beige trim & lagoona green paint. 110 mph+ £14,000. 0171 924 2011

JAGUAR MK2 1961 reg no 4343 MC, 3.4 manual o/d, red. exc. £6,750. 01208 850110

JENSEN CV8 Mk3 1966. Black with black leather, concours winning condition. £17,995. Tel Home 01707 661016 Office 0181 200 9404 T

COMMEMORATIVE
'E' type V12
Manual, full history
Beautiful car, low mileage
Same owner 20 years
Sensible offers.
0181 318 4572

ISUZU

As Featured In
CAR '95
28th December 1995
JUDI VIVIAN CAR SALES
The complete personal service for the **Female Motorist:** advice & supply of vehicles, Personal Safety Equipment, Mobile Phones, Vehicle Security & Much More.
Tel/Fax: 01359 250310
Mobile: 0850 978517

FERRARI

246GT DINO 1972, red, rhd 40K, rebuilt eng 94. Excellent condition, good history, immob. £36,500. Tel 01865 340480

328 GTS 90 G. Rosso/ tan FFSH, 12k miles, immac. £42,000. Tel 0181 789 8829 or 0802 222028

CONTRACT HIRE

must call!

Contract Hire
Any Vehicle
Anywhere
New BMW from £244 per month
New Mercedes from £299 per month
New Discovery TDI 3 Door from £299 per month
Phone for quote
01264 334444 FINANCE

FERRARI

355 TS June '95, 1,700 mls only, red/magnolia leather. As new. P O A. Tel Bernard Mensah 0171 616 2519

SELLING or buying for fast & effective assistance use THE REGISTER 01869 343432 T

Black Horse Performance Cars offer 328 GTS 12k 88/89 £43,500; 328 GTS 88 33k £39,500; 308 GTB qv/qv £28,500; 308 GTB 1980 Carb £23,995. For further details 0181 302 1631 / 0973 224481

TESTEROSSA 89 F, Rosso / cream, 4,700 miles, FFSH. The best anywhere. £53,500. Tel 0973 671253 or 01179 671271

FIAT

HUGE Savings on Brand New Fiats for Private Individuals Tel 01767 641146 T

FORD

A choice of Granada 2.0 Scorpios L/M reg. 4/5 door, low mileage with leather from £11,995 01530 560056 T

A choice of Scorpio 2.9 24v Cosworths 5 door auto M reg, low mileage, with leather, £15,995 01530 560056 T

ALL Ford cars nearly new from Scorpio to Fiesta available. For lowest prices 01565 652767 T

ESCORT Cosworth Lux 95N Met Blue/raven leather air con CD driver/pass a/bag, 95 mdl e/s/roof £23,995 01268 272000/ 0850 390900 T

ESCORT 1.8 LX TD 5 door new model 96M, Radiant Red, 900 miles only, £9,495 01530 560056 T

ESCORT 1.8 LX Diesel 5 door new model 96M Ontario Blue 1000 miles only, £8,495 01530 560056 T

GRANADA 2.0 Ghia, 4 door 94L, 14,000 miles Tourmaline, £9,995 01530 560056 T

GRANADA 2.9 Ghia Estate Auto 94M, Java blue 2,500 miles £12,995 01530 560056 T

GRANADA 2.9 Exec 5 door auto 94L diamond white 8,500 mls £10,495 01530 560056 T

MONDEO 1.8 LX TD Estate 95N, 4 dr Black 1,500 miles £11,995 01530 560056 T

MONDEO 1.8 LX TD 5 door, 96N Tourmaline 900 miles £11,250 01530 560056 T

PROBE 2.5 95M, red with grey leather £13,995 01530 560056 T

PROBE 2.0 16v Teal Met. 95M 300 miles only, electric sunroof £12,995 01530 560056 T

SCORPIO 24V May 93 61k, fully loaded incl multi play CD £8,750 ono 01406 362518

SCORPIO 2.0 Ghia Estate Auto 95M, Java Blue £13,495 01530 560056 T

SIERRA Cosworth 87D 3dr Moonstone Met Vecta immob original car immac £6,995 01268 272000/0850 390900 T

CONTRACT HIRE

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE

CHEVY Blazer Silverado, 92, lux 4x4, 5.7L V8 black/ tints auto, air con, cru cont, ABS, low pack, elec winds/ mirrors, alloys & more, 60k mls, immac FSH £14,000 01980 844393.

DISCOVERY TDi ES 95M biarritz blue/ grey leather, air cond, ABS plus many extras, 14k, FSH, £24,995 S M C Rover 01895 253681 or mobile 0831 517845

DISCOVERY TDiS 94M black, 7 seats alarm, alloys, CD, 16,000 miles £18,995 0116 975 8638

JEEP Cherokee 4.0 Ltd SE 93K, Hunter Green/ beige hide, auto, 1 owner, 44,000 miles, 12 mnth warranty £15,950 Call Julians 0113 269 1000

JEEP WAGONEER 1988, estate, left hand drive, petrol. Grey/ bk leather, excellent cond. Mot until Aug 96. FSH, 44k miles, every extra. £10,600 ono Tel 01954 210958 or 210307.

LAND CRUISER VX Man LWB 91 63k A/C extras VGC FSH £16,900 01225 310416

LANDCRUISER 4.2 VX TD, met silver/met grey, 8 seats, alloys, H bars, S steps, all usual refinements. SH 14K £29,995 For details 01263 895318 T

MITSUBISHI Shogun SWB, V6 24V N reg 96, black with silver arches. £20,500. 0973 407933

MITSUBISHI SHOGUN LWB 3.0 Ltr Auto. 93K, FSH. Blue / Silver Full Specification inc ESR, P/S, Bull Bars, Side Steps Tow Bar. Outstanding Condition. Eden Park Mazda. £16,995 0181 658 7122

RANGE ROVER 4.0 SE Auto 5-Door. 95N, Avalon Blue, lthr, e/s/r, e/f/s FSH. £37,995 01934 416454 T

RANGE ROVER 4.6 HSE, 1996, Epsom / It stone hide, full spec, del miles £POA 01792 367 444

SHOGUN 3.0 V6 LWB 1995 auto full diamond option pack £25,495 for details 01977 614601 or 0836 722133 Yorks

TOYOTA 4 Runner 3.0 GX Diesel Turbo June 95M Alpine blue. Tow pack. Immac. 8k mls manu warr FSH. £19,800 Camberley 01252 838409 (p)

RANGE ROVER
Vogue 3.9 Auto Clearwater blue grey cloth trim 1990. pas alloys, ew/ esr air con, c/ locking, htd front screen, tow pack dog guard etc 79k miles, FSH superb example new car arrived £10,250 ono
01952 501522 day, or
01952 641183 home.

SHOGUN
3.5 V6, LWB auto, grey leather, bull bars, side steps, air con, immaculate
Choice of two
94 L 26k, silver/dark grey £25,950
95 N, 8k, silver/blue. £32,950.
01509 232426 Work
0421 505793 Eve

Jeep
The American Legend
HADLEIGH
Carport
12 Used Cherokees K-M
5 Used Wranglers
Excellent Stock Levels
Constantly Updated
Cherokees / Wranglers
Always Wanted
SHOWROOM OPEN 7 DAYS
320 London Rd, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 2DD
01702 555589

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE WANTED

1988 1995 Top prices paid for all low mileage 4x4's Mole Valley Motor Group 01372 749090

COUNTRY MOTORS urgently need Range Rover Discovery, Land Rover, Trooper, Subaru, Daihatsu, Shogun, Frontera, Jeep, Land Cruiser, Suzuki and Nissan '90-'95. Collect anywhere UK 01963 363110

GENERAL

GARAGE Bayswater W2, double lock up garage for sale Electricity and water. 98yr lse. £30,000 Tel 0171 837 5538

FIRE ENGINE
1978 DENNIS
Fully equipped all in working order with full compliment of hose ladders and rescue equipment, carefully maintained my prized possession has to go due to house move, sensible offers
Tel 01590 670 446 or 01202 481 544

JAGUAR & DAIMLER

95 Jaguar XJS 4.0 Convertible Auto Flamenco red with oyster skin hide 9,728 miles £37,950 Queens Road Honda telephone 01274 723190

PARTS & PANELS Jag & Daim cars 12,000 lines in stock. Free Price List. All Models. David Manners Tel 0121 544 4040

SOV. 4.0 Grey, Regency magnolia leather 90k mls, perfect, £10,500 01895 814567

XJS V12 Convertible 1988 2 owner 50000 miles body/sus cond/trim fsh £12,500 Tel 01306 883402 Evening (T)

XJ 6 3.2 S Auto 94L, 1 owner FJSH 18k Burg Red Met, Beige Hide, Rosewood capping, twin airbags, ESR £21,995 Tel Pete Chisholm on 01933 227 451/ 0860 148781 T

89F XJ6 2.9 red manual 72k, FSH, excellent, must sell £3,995 Tel 01264 739833

XJR
95 supercharged, 4 litre, auto saphire blue with cream hide interior, cruise control, remote wing mirrors, memory seats, CD hifi system. Aprox £7,000 of extras. Full Jaguar warranty. Aprrox 25,000 miles hence price of £35,950
Tel: 0973 672779

JAGUAR & DAIMLER WANTED

1988 1995 Premium Prices Paid for Low mileage Jaguars Mole Valley Grp 01372 749090

LEX are leading nationwide buyers of Jaguars. One call reaches six dealerships. Call Tim Boyd 0836 222830 0161 224 2206

JEEP

CHEROKEE 4.0 LTD 4x4 1993, L reg, RHD, auto, air con E/seats alloys, half lthr, met grn, taxed, 31k, fsh, owners car. No time wasters £12,950 ono 01202 482943 T

LAND ROVER AUTHORISED DEALERS

DISCOVERY Tdi XS 95/N Monza Red Granite Half Leather, CD. £23,995 Marshall of Kempston 01234 841444/0850 222382

TAX FREE and Export Dial 100 and ask for Freephone "Tax Free Land Rover"

DISCOVERY Tdi ES Auto 95/N Rioja Red Granite Leather. Side Runners £27,995 Marshall of Kempston 01234 841444/0850 222382

LAND ROVER AUTHORISED DEALERS

RANGEROVER 4.0 SE Auto 95/N Rioja Red. Stone Leather 18" Alloys. CD Lamp Guards. Driving Lamps Sunroof £38,995. Marshall of Kempston 01234 841444/0850 222382

RANGEROVER 4.6 HSE 95/N Biarritz Blue. Granite Leather £39,995. Marshall of Kempston 01234 841444/0850 222382

LANDROVER

DISCOVERY TDI Es 14 months old Biarritz blue 10,000 miles. FSH, extended warranty £22,250 tel 01952 641196

LEFT HAND DRIVE

CHRYSLER Le Baron Coupe LX, 93L Euro Spec man air lthr 25k £10,999 px 01242 224879 (T)

SAAB
Convertible V6 Auto
JEEP
Grand Cherokees 5.2, 4.0 & Diesel. European spec
All New, In Stock
Huge Discounts
MERCEDES C220
Diesel, air con, 1996 model, brand new £21,995
01366 328062

LEXUS

COUPES & Convertibles in stock. Other unusual cars UK's leading specialist. Rare Imports 0171 209 2123

COUPES Available New & Used For The Very Best Deal Call Intercar on 0181 205 3399 or 0161 764 8881

LS400 93L, zermatt silver, FSH immaculate, 36K, £26,000 Tel. 01276 29646

COUPE
93 K
22,500 miles. Dark blue, grey leather interior, GPS TV, Auto, A/C, Air susp FSH. Warranty to Feb 97. Immaculate. Private sale. £38,250
Tel 0181 884 4050 weekday or 0973 317371

LEXUS LS400 +
plate M1 CMD
Sept 94, 33,500 miles
Boston green/Beige interior, gold trim. 1 owner chauffeur driven. Service plan to 60,000 miles. £33,500. Car + plate (will split)
Tel: 0181 954 0987
Fax: 0181 954 7220

LOTUS

No. 863
June 93.
Original owner 16,200 miles. Bodywork, interior, engine, wheels perfect. £33,000 No offers, no dealers.
0181 878 9700

MAZDA

MX5 CALAFORNIA N reg. Sunburst yellow, 5,500 miles, elec windows, alarm/immobiliser, stunning car, immac £16,495 ono 01202 516176 Dorset

MX5 1.6, K reg, red, stereo, 2 owners FSH £13,995 L & C BMW 01892 548877 (7 Days) 0589 677892 (24 Hrs)

MX UK's largest stock. Always plenty of choice. Mazda choice free phone 0800 323 625 T

MAZDA

MAZDA RX7
Twin Turbo
1995(N) Finished in Red. Full specification including Leather, Air Con, Cruise, Air Bag. Warranty to Aug 1998. Full History.
£32,950
Contact David Orton
Bament Mazda
(01604) 721711

MERCEDES

96 shipping worldwide. For the best service and rates Karman Shipping Tel. 01525 851545 Fax 01525 850996

190E, J Reg manual, Mercedes alloys and spoiler, Almandine red, FSH, £9,996 01206 750750/0370 482471 T

190 E k reg, black, sunroof, stereo, alarm 47k, FSH, £10,900 ono 01625 501090

200 TE Auto, May 91, white, extras, 56,000 mls, FSH, immaculate, *£12,750* Tel. 0116 933 5969 (home) or 0116 958 2605 (office).

220E Auto 1993 Smoke Silver 28k mls FSH Many extras £17,950 ono tel 0161 9763515

220 COUPE Auto, 93 K 29,000 mls. FMBSH Red with cream lthr int. Full Merc styling kit, elec roof, *full elec pack, fully* alarmed alloys 2 owners Sale due to bereavement. £23,900 01263 839271

S500 COUPE
1995(N) 3 months old. azurite blue with mushroom leather, full specification, 9000 miles immaculate condition. offers over £70,000
Tel: 0141 6479278(daytime) or 01236 728864(home).

MERCEDES
280 TE
1993 blue/black, with grey leather, CD & air con, 6 seats, only 22,000 miles. FMBSH. Only £25,995 ono
Office
01753 764100
Evenings
01494 670992

E320 AUTO
L reg, pale blue metallic, grey leather int, 8 hole alloys, c/c, o/s temp gauge, door lights, headlight washlight, colour coded boot spoiler, elec s/roof, walnut, high spec stereo rad cass with multiplay CD, elec/aer remote alarm system. FSH. Only 27k miles. Absolutely superb - throughout. 1 owner.
Todays price on the road £42k.
Private sale, £29,995 ono.
Please ring 01282 812164

C220 D
Elegance
5 Speed.
Unregistered
Imperial red / grey.
8 speakers. OTG. IVM. electrical aeriel, mud flaps.
MB Security £22,850
01926 624832.

190
2.0 Auto 1992, K reg.
Silver metallic 1 owner FSH ABS Air con Sun roof Electric windows.
16,000 miles only
£15,995.
Tel: 01332 702450 or 770855

JAGUAR & DAIMLER AUTHORISED DEALERS

JAGUAR XJ6 3.2 Auto 95/N Flamenco Red. Oatmeal Half Leather £28,495 Marshall of Kempston 01234 841444/0850 222382

JAGUAR Sovereign 4.0 Auto 95/N Flamenco Red. Oatmeal Leather £39,995 Marshall of Kempston 01234 841444/0850 222382

JAGUAR Sovereign 3.2 Auto 95/F Diamond Blue, Magnolia Leather £29,995. Marshall of Kempston 01234 841444/0850 222382

JAGUAR XJS 4.0 Convertible Auto 93/K Diamond Blue. Doeskin Leather 56,000 Miles £19,995 Marshall of Kempston 01234 841444/ 0850 222382

MERRITTS
FOR JAGUAR

[illegible]

This is a selection of our selection. Please call for full details.
Amersham, Bucks
(01494) 725911
Open 7 days
JAGUAR APPROVED

A Cat is not just for Christmas...

[illegible]

Weybridge Automobiles
LEX
Tel: (01932) 849225
Sun: [illegible]
JAGUAR

Evans Halshaw

[illegible]

Stoke-on-Trent
01782 202277

Milton Keynes
01908 694466
Open 7 Days

Evans Halshaw
JAGUAR APPROVED

MERCEDES

280SL 94/L 34,000 miles FSH 1 owner host of extras £44,999 Tel. 01865 374224 T

230TE Auto, ESL 90G 7 seat, ESR, EW, ABS, multi CD Sonica, FSH, 8 holes, Smoke Silver, pristine, £13,495, Risboro' Motors 01844 342784

300 TE auto estate, 89 F, air con, elec orthopaedic seats, elec SR, FSH white, exc cond, high miles £11,250 01276 685293

300 CE G reg, nautic blue, FSH, 70k, £16,950 01372 749089 (H) or 0171 240 1121 (W)

300 SL 90 H, signal red, cream hide, auto, air conditioning, cruise, rear seats, alarm, alloys, AMGR/spoiler, new tyres, 27k, superb conditioning, £41,800 ONO Telephone 01730 894005 (office hours)

300E 91 H, Smoke Silver/ cream leather, a/c, cc, heated seats, FMBSH, 79k miles £14,800. Tel. 01276 20480 (H), 0181 673 7666 (W)

300 SL 89 G reg, 47k mls, blue/black, grey lthr, rear seats, etc, CD/stereo, ABS, cruise, air con, remote alarm immob, FMBSH, must be seen very last of old shape, £24,850. Tel 0181 985 0268.

300D Auto, 95, Pearl met, FMBSH, 49k, just serviced, extras, mint, £16,850 Philip Masters 01829 261366

300 SE H Reg Nautic blue, cream velour, A/C, alloys, E/ roof, Atlantis music system, demo + 1, 70k, fsh outstanding cond & unbeatable value £12,950. 01636 636604/ 636712 T

300SE Auto, 90H, Pearl Blue/ Cloth, 2 own, FMBSH, 64k, ESR, CC, Alloys, RHR, £14,950 01296 398711/ 0860 788365T

300 SE 92 Blu Blk met/ grey hide C/C RHR fsh Immac. £14,750 01702 217809/0860 215636 T

300 SL E reg, 39,000 miles, Midnight Blue/grey hide, auto, air con, C.C., htd seats, alloys, alrm FSH £19,950 0171 5850254.

E220 Cab, 1 lady owner, 17,000 mls, midnight blue with blue roof, beige soft leather seats, arm rests, walnut interior, FSH £31,960 ono. 01302 820882.

350SE 1980, Mangan Brown, 88,000 miles, re-con engine, FSH, Long MoT, Taxed, £6,000 01933 313077 T

500 SL 92K, 32k FMSH, light blue metallic, beige hide, climate control, 2 x air bags, soft top/ hard top, elec seats, cruise control, CD stereo system, alloys, immaculate throughout, £49,995. 01732 833366 T

500SL 92 (K) Blue/Black, grey leather, air con, 8 holes, R/Seat, Cruise, CD Multi, FSH, 30,000 miles, £52,000 Tel 0181 9464442

C180 ESPRIT L reg, blue, manual, bl/bk int, 1 own, £13,900 Tel: Windsor 01753 841466

S 500 Coupe, 94 L, silver met, lthr, full spec, 26,000 miles, 1 owner, £58,000 01793 750511

600SEL 85C Pagel Red/grey velour, usual refinements, Full Merc History, £5,995 Tel. (Bristol) 0117 947 7447 T

C250 D 94 L, classic silver, 20K mls, auto, ESR, FSH, 1 owner £18,750 01734 464978

C200 Classic 94,M, Manual, 13,000 mls met silver, immac cond Stereo/ multi CD Alarm EFW, FMBSH £17,995 tel 0171 3265163 (h) 0171 4818111 (w) Jeremy Cross

C250 D saloon, 4 door, auto, Elegance, 23,000 mls, 1 owner, FSH, cond as new, met blue, usual Eleg refinements £19,996 ono 01889 271526

C180 Eleg, auto, pearl blue, Jan 95, 7k, pte owner, £19,260 0181 8665065/0385 307916

SL 280
June 94, 12,500 miles, Silver / Blue leather, rear seats, 8 hole alloys, CD, FMBSH.
£44,000.
Tel. 01920 464 367.

450 SLC
12,000 miles since 1/8/74.
Superb condition, family owned throughout, garaged. Thistle green metallic, velour, auto, ESR, £16,000 ono.
Mon to Fri 9 to 6
0181 893 8333
weekends & eve
01252 817050

JACKSON
— A N D —
EDWARDS
OF MANCHESTER
190E 2.0, 92K, Bornite, 40T £11,995
190E 2.0, 92K, Silver, 31T £12,995
C180 Ele A 95M Blue 6T £19,995
C250D A 94L Black 55T £17,295
200T A 92K, White, 66T £13,995
300SE 89G Blue FSH 90T £11,995
420SE 90G Bornite 68T £14,995
2 YEARS FULL WARRANTY AND EXCELLENT SPEC ON ALL CARS
0161 973 3021

560 SEL
1990 G. 73k miles. 2 former owners. Dark grey met/biscuit leather. All electric options incl adjust steering, rear blind, rear seats. Self level suspension, traction control. Superb condition. Full Merc history
£24,500.
Tel 01716226502
or 0585 334639.

300 SL
Almandine red, cream cloth interior, child rear seats, wide alloys, CD/stereo, excellent condition, FMBSH, 30k miles.
£34,000.
Tel:01205 365 018.

500 SL
1992, K reg
Maroon metallic with tan leather interior
All usual refinements inc CD auto changer
One owner, 42,000 mls, FSH, as new
£48,500.
Tel: 01275 393864 (home)
01454 318336.(office)

450 SL
1979 Metallic Bronze, immaculate throughout, 74,000 miles. FMBSH. alloys, hard and soft top, tax and tested
£9,995 ono
0171 495 5912 (office)
01753 621533 (home)

E 320
Avantgarde
95 N, azurite / grey leather, A/C, electric drivers seat, side bags, 5 speed auto, etc.
2,500 miles.
£44,995.
Tel 01803 325786.

MERCEDES AUTHORISED DEALERS

FALCON
95 M S320 Limo, Bt. Silver/Ivory Leather, Alloys, Climate, 7T £45,950
93 K 300D, Arctic White/Ivory Cloth, 5 Speed, Walnut, H/L/W/W, Seat Heaters, Alarm, 12T £20,950
94 L E300D Estate, Bt. Silver/Ivory Cloth, Auto, Rear Seat, Walnut, 23T £26,950
94 L C180 Elegance, Smoke Silver/ Mushroom Tex, Auto, Stereo, 15T £18,950
01509 211112
BELTON ROAD, LOUGHBOROUGH
(AFTER HOURS [illegible])

300 SL 24V (90) Blue grey Hide £34,590 Dicksons Perth, 01738 633133 T

SL 320 Blue (95) Cream hide 9,800 miles £65,960. Dicksons Perth 01738 633133.

SL 320 Blue (M) Blue Blue hide climate £53,990 Dicksons Perth 01738 633133

SL280 silver (95) Grey hide 4,700 miles £51,580. Dicksons Perth 01738 633133

C220 ELEGANCE
95N, Brilliant Silver Metallic, grey leather, Automatic, Heated Front Seat, Twin Airbags, Electric Folding Mirrors, Climate Control, Outside Temperature Gauge, Radio Cassette, Electric Rear Blind, Electric Front Seats, Remote Alarm, 8,000 miles,
£28,880.
BRUNSWICK 0181-760 0210

SL500
95M Imperial Red/ mushroom leather, climate control, multi-CD, 10,000 miles.
£66,000.
ROAD RANGE SOUTHPORT
01704 568515

300 E
1992, anthracite, magnolia leather, auto, air conditioning.
50,000 miles, excellent condition.
£19,000.
Tel: 01462 892949 or 01932 854809 (office).

REGISTRATION NUMBERS

ELITE REGISTRATIONS

Celebrating over 20 years market leader

Fax line 01380 813446

PO BOX 100, DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE, SN10 4TE

Tel: 01380 818181

Office Opening Hours
Mon - Fri 8am-8pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 10am-5pm

We are Britain's leading firm of registration number dealers and arrange all transfers through DVLA, Swansea. Any of the following registrations can be purchased by placing a 10% deposit (minimum £100) by telephone using Visa/Access credit cards or upon us receiving your cheque. Subject to the Dept. of Transport £80 transfer fee, availability and our terms and conditions. Some are not subject to VAT. Registrations sold on commission and also purchased outright.

[illegible]

L5 AAB

DO YOU HAVE A REGISTRATION TO SELL TO US?

WE BUY OUTRIGHT OR SELL ON COMMISSION

FOR A FREE QUOTATION WITHOUT OBLIGATION PLEASE COMPLETE THE COUPON BELOW. PLEASE INCLUDE A S.A.E.

To: Elite Registrations, PO Box 100,
Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 4TE

Please send me a FREE, no obligation quotation for my registration number:-

____

Vehicle Make ____________ Year ______

MoT Expiry ____________ Tax Expiry ____________

I do/do not intend to keep the vehicle on the road

Name ____________________

Address ____________________

____________________ Postcode ____________

74 BMW

TO REGISTER YOUR REQUIREMENTS TEL: 01380 818181

CONTRACT HIRE & LEASE

36 MTH 10000 MILES PER ANNUM
CONTRACT HIRE

New BMW 318i Coupe	£289.50 Mthly
New Laguna 2.2 RN Diesel	£189.00 Mthly
New Frontera 2.0i Sport	£219.00 Mthly
New Espace Heleios TDI	£249.99 Mthly
1995 (N) Mondeo 1.8LX TD	*£185.00 Mthly*

ALL MAKES / MODELS SUPPLIED NEW & USED
PHONE OR FAX 01384 402799

Direct Rentals
SHORT AND FIXED TERM CONTRACT SPECIALISTS

3 YEAR CONTRACT HIRE EXAMPLES 10,000 miles p.a.

VEHICLE	per month	VEHICLE	per month
BMW 316 Coupe	£275.00	RAV4 GS 3Dr	£229.00
BMW 328 Coupe	£375.00	OMEGA 2.0 GLS	£299.00
CAMRY V6 auto	£329.00	DISCOVERY 5DR TDI	£329.00
PREVIA GS	£275.00	MERC E200 eleg.	£399.00
TERRANO 3d sx	£229.00	RANGE ROVER 2.5 TD	£499.00
LEXUS GS 300	£499.00	SHOGUN 2.7 GLS	£299.00

COMPETITIVE 1 YEAR CONTRACTS
LAGUNA 2.2 RN D - £199/ESPACE HELIOS 2.1 TD - £299

— SHORT TERM RENTAL - 3 & 6 MONTH CONTRACTS —

1 MONTH IN ADVANCE, HIGH MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

VEHICLE	PER MONTH	VEHICLE	PER MONTH
PEUGEOT 306 DT	FROM £375	DISCOVERY TDI	FROM £445
MONDEO LX	FROM £400	DISCO V8i ES AUTO	FROM £545
HONDA 2.0i	FROM £500	RANGEROVER D	FROM £795
NEW SCORPIO 2.0	FROM £600	DEFENDER OFF-ROAD	FROM £420
ESCORT VANS	FROM £325	DROPSIDE TIPPERS	FROM £500
TRANSIT VANS	FROM £475	LUTON 190 VANS	FROM £500

CARS/COMMERCIALS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR CASH/CONTRACT
INCREDIBLE CONTRACT HIRE DEALS
Tel: 01902 353393 • Fax: 01902 353150

ALL ELECTRIC
CONTRACT HIRE
EVERY MAKE - EVERY MODEL

BUSINESS USERS & SELF EMPLOYED ONLY
[illegible]

JEEP CHEROKEE 2.5 Sport, Petrol 1996 N	£284.00
JEEP CHEROKEE 2.5 TD Sport, 1996 N	£317.00
MGF 1.8i Flame Red, Walnut, ABS, Electronic PAS, 1,000 miles, N 1995	£337.00
ROVER 620 SI AUTOMATIC Metallic, 1995 M	£219.00
ROVER 820 SI AUTOMATIC Metallic, 1995 M	£274.00
ROVER STERLING AUTOMATIC Metallic, 1995 M	£330.00
NISSAN PRIMERA 2.0 LX Diesel 5 DOOR ESTATE 1996 N	£259.00

Talk to Paul Jackson or Kevin Whitehead
ALL ELECTRIC GARAGES GROUP PLC
Fleet & Contract Management Division
HIGH STREET, HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM B17 0EB
Telephone: 0121 427 5252
Facsimile: 0121 427 4881
Sunday Tel: 01543 492694

Network
An Accredited Network Dealer

All Electric are Authorised Main Dealers for:
M.G., ROVER, PEUGEOT, NISSAN, JEEP, DAIHATSU, SUZUKI, VOLVO, SKODA.
Delivered Nationwide

EXHIBITIONS

THE LONDON
CLASSIC MOTOR SHOW
ALEXANDRA PALACE
Alexandra Palace Way, Wood Green, N22
16/17 March 1996 Adm: £6; £5; £2

And....
The London to Brighton Classic Car Run
9 June 1996

CLASSIC CAR WEEKLY
CLASSICS
RING 01296 631181

هكذا من الأصل

DR DASHBOARD

What became of Leopard J Furie?

Q **As a name, it lacks a certain pizzazz. The earliest Daimler was the Phaeton. But what exactly is a Phaeton?**

A In a more elegant age, carmakers used classical references to name cars. Phaethon, or Phaeton, was the son of Helios, the Greek sun god, who came to grief after borrowing his father's chariot — a plot many fathers today will recognise. Open, four-wheeled carriages for two or four horses were known as Phaetons and the Daimler was technically an open carriage with four horses (power) . . . so there you have it.

Q **Did that lead to a rush on Homer and Plato for some suitably clever names when the car industry was growing up?**

A No. Vanity is the most certain human trait (although I have never heard of a Ford Narcissus). New carmakers simply named whatever they made after themselves: hence Austin, Morris, Armstrong-Siddeley, Ford and the rest. Numbers were allocated to denote length or engine power, but cars had a tendency to gather nicknames — such as the Bullnose Morris. Carmakers soon figured out that catchy names were memorable.

Q **Ah, we remember all those lovely names like Ford Cortina, the Anglia, Morris Oxford. They were so memorable. Wait a minute . . . nobody uses names anymore, it's all numbers.**

A A century of thinking up new names must have worn everybody out, whereas number combinations are theoretically infinite. Well, actually they are not, as Volvo found out. The Swedes this week announced that its new small car will be badged the S40 for saloons, C70 convertibles and coupés and V40 on 5-door estate cars.

Q **Eh? Why does V stand for 5-door? Are they using Roman numerals, or did Volvo decide to do their badging in Swedish when they got to estates?**

A No. The official answer is that they were going to call the cars S4, F4 and C7. Audi (which already has an S4) objected, so S4 became S40 but then Ferrari had the F40, so Volvo changed the F4 to V40 and decided V would have to stand for versatility. All right, it's beyond me as well.

Q **Wouldn't they have been better going back to the encyclopedia and trying to find some new interesting names like Daimler?**

A Like what? The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has a directory of names (kept by a Miss Ferrari) in which manufacturers register names they want. But they tie up dozens to ensure they are ready when they want them for a new model.

Q **So that is to stop them choosing a name like Volvo only to discover they have to change it at the last minute?**

A Exactly. Land Rover's Discovery was going to be the Highlander before they discovered Leyland Trucks had already registered it. The Japanese have the best idea: they just make up meaningless names which, at least, give us a giggle.

Q **That's unkind. What's funny about the Nissan Micra or the Toyota Carina E, or even the Mitsubishi Shogun?**

A Not much. But I defy you not to grin when anybody remembers the old Nissan Cedric, or the Leopard J. Furie, shown at the Tokyo Motor Show about six years ago. I thought it was named after a Japanese rock star. It turned out the boys at Nissan made it up out of the blue.

Right from the start, men had to share the high-speed track. **Helen Mound** recalls some outstanding girl racers

On the trail of fast women

Pat Moss Carlsson, above, and Formula One's Divina Galica

ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS

COMPETITORS IN THE WOMEN'S MOTOR-RACE AT BROOKLANDS: (L. TO R.), MISS HILDA DANKS, MRS. WARDROP, PRINCESS IMERETINSKY, LADY DE CLIFFORD, MISS KATHLEEN MEYRICK, MISS CLARE DEAN, MISS ELIZABETH MAKINS, MISS PADDY NAISMITH, THE HON MRS. CHETWYND, AND MRS. ALEXANDER MCCORQUODALE (BARBARA CARTLAND).

Novelist Barbara Cartland, right, and society friends who raced MG Midgets at Brooklands in 1931

Almost as soon as cars appeared on the roads of Britain women took the wheel and as soon as racing started they were in the thick of the fray. The first all-woman motoring organisation was the Ladies' Automobile Club, established in 1903 under the Duchess of Sutherland. Since then women drivers have provided some of the most colourful incidents in motor sport.

Dorothy Levitt is believed to have been the first British woman to take up racing in 1903. She was supported by Selwyn Edge, a motorsport promoter who believed a woman racing driver would attract more attention than a man. She entered the Hereford 1000 mile trial in a De Dion in 1904 as the sole female competitor.

To add to the excitement — and the publicity — she dressed in an attractive costume designed for the best garden parties of the period and insisted that her black Pomeranian dog accompanied her. Male competitors expressed their annoyance by strapping toy dogs to the bonnets of their cars. However, Dorothy returned the humour when, at the concert given to competitors — to which she, as a woman, was not invited — proceedings were interrupted by a servant bearing a gift bag of dog biscuits for each of the male competitors. By unanimous decision she was invited to the remainder of the evening.

In 1905 she won "the highest award for the De Dion" in the Scottish trials and later that year won the Autocar Challenge Trophy. In 1907 she expressed her fury at the newly-opened Brooklands — the first place where racing cars could be tested thoroughly — at the authorities' refusal to let women compete in mixed races.

In 1908 Brooklands held its first race for women drivers. Called, rather curiously, the Ladies' Bracelet Handicap, it was won by Muriel Thompson driving an Austin. Ethel Locke King, wife of the creator of the banked track, finished second.

Other outstanding personalities to frequent Brooklands included Dame Barbara Cartland, who, as Mrs Alexander McCorquodale, was a regular visitor in the late 1920s. When challenged by a male friend at one of her parties in the summer of 1931, she set out to prove women were as good at driving as men. The already famous novelist organised a race of ten society women at Brooklands in November 1931.

Although only one competitor had raced before, her friends were keen to drive the MG Midgets supplied for the race. Despite a great deal of publicity being gained from the event, it is questionable whether Barbara Cartland actually proved her point; the competitors were uncertain as to whether they were doing one, two or three laps of the circuit, at least one driver lost control of her car and the Movietone News insisted the finish was re-run for the camera because the original wasn't exciting enough.

The fastest woman on the Brooklands circuit was Kay Petre, who in 1935 held a lap record of 134.24mph. Kay was the tiniest — 4ft 6ins — and most surprising lady in early motorsport. She broke records in hill climbing, and endurance races such as the 12-hour Donington race and Le Mans.

Her career began in 1933 when she bought a 2-litre supercharged Bugatti. However, in September 1937 she was involved in a horrendous accident practising for the British Racing Drivers 500-mile race at Brooklands when she was struck by another car and suffered very serious head injuries. She pulled through, underwent plastic surgery and overcame partial paralysis.

Kay retired from racing soon afterwards and became Britain's first female motoring journalist. In 1944 she was the only woman in a team of seven journalists that founded the Guild of Motoring Writers. Later she took up the job of colour selection, styling and sales appeal for Austin.

Probably the most famous woman competition driver has been Pat Moss Carlsson, the leading lady of British rallying. She won the Coupe des Dames eight times on the Monte Carlo Rally between 1958 and 1972. Sister of Stirling Moss (she married Erik Carlsson in 1963) she raced Morris Minors and Riley 1.5s in her teens. Once she got behind the wheel of a big Austin-Healey — then considered a "man's car" — at the age of 23, she proved to the rally world she was as good as the male competitors. She finished eighth on the Alpine Rally and fourth on the Liège-Rome-Liège.

During her 20-year rallying career Pat won the Tulip and German Rallies of 1962 in a Mini Cooper. She also had a year with Ford and two seasons with Lancia, during which she won the 1969 Sestriere Rally and was second in San Remo, and several seasons with Saab.

Her most memorable result was leading the first female crew to victory in a European Championship rally — Liège-Rome-Liège — in 1960, driving her big Austin Healey.

Divina Galica, who became the first British woman to compete in Formula One, began her career in downhill skiing and bobsleigh. She was a member of the British Olympic skiing team in the 1960s. She started racing in saloon cars and moved on to Formula 5000. Between 1976 and 1978 she competed in F1 — always racing in car number 13 — but despite being one of the fastest women in Britain, she suffered three non-starts and later retired. Her best qualifying position was 27th.

The first British sprint championship in 1970 was won by Patsy Burt driving a McLaren. She won the first six of the nine qualifying events she entered and went on to win the British hill climb championship in the same year. The first woman to drive round the world was Violette Cordery in 1927. She covered 10,250 miles and crossed five continents at an average of 36mph.

But it's not just in competition that women drivers have striven to match their male counterparts. In 1911 Mary Petre from Essex became the first British woman to appear before a court on a charge of speeding. Aged 15, she had been driving her elder brother's Matchless motorcycle with sidecar at 67mph. To lighten the bike, she had taken the baffles out of the silencer; the resulting noise alerted her neighbours and the police to her activities. She was banned from riding a motorcycle for a year and fined six shillings.

MERCEDES

320 SL 1994 only 5,500 miles, many extras, magnificent vehicle. Sensible offers. Tel 01263 766363 or 0585 436896.

500SL 1990 G White. Black lthr int. FSH. A/C many extras. 1 owner 87k mls. Has to be seen. Private £35,950 0171 637 4200 (w) 0181 9544029 (h)

MERCEDES shipping worldwide. For the best service and rates Karman Shipping Tel: 01525 881848. Fax. 01628 850996

E200 7-seater Estate Auto, 93L, latest model, 16V Engine, White s/r, airbag, alloys, FSH, one Doctor Owner, mint condition £18,950 ono Finance available Written quotations on request 01142 433970/0836 733126.t

MERCEDES WANTED

PRIVATE buyer urgently wants 300 or 500 SL under £40k. 01926 730570 or 0374 967189

WANTED Wanted All Mercedes, any miles / condition 01895 835446 / 0831 123911 now T

1987 1996 Premium prices paid for all Mercedes Glenn Williams 01372 749090 T

WANTED
Mercedes for export
DHADA MOTORS LTD
01162611061 or
0860533203
Direct Exports to the Far East

MG

SMC offer choice of 4 MGR V8. All at low mileage. 01763 674266

INSURANCE

PERFORMANCE CAR INSURANCE PHONE
0500 941000
HYPERFORMANCE INS
We have 4 unique schemes through Lloyds to save you money. Special young drivers rates up to 40% introductory discount,
3, 6, 8 months instalments available.
0500 941000

BEST CLASSIC
PETER BEST INSURANCE SERVICES LTD
Established 1969 INSURANCE BROKERS
Quality Collectors Car Insurance at Highly Competitive Premiums
Over 10 years of personal service to the Classic Car Enthusiast
© THE Beaulieu POLICY
Underwritten by NORWICH UNION
Endorsed by Beaulieu, home of the National Motor Museum.
Agreed Value, Limited Mileage for most collectable cars over 10 years old
01621 840400 or fax 01621 841401
The Farriers, Bull Lane, Maldon Essex CM9 4QB

MITSUBISHI AUTHORISED DEALER

BRAMWELL
3000GT
94L, Pearlescent White, 2 owners, FSH. This vehicle has covered only 9,000 miles and is offered at...
£29,995
0161-627 5550

MITSUBISHI

SHOGUN 95M, LWB 7 seats, bull bars, air con, side steps, lthr int. Elec driver seat, 6 stack CD, Mitsubishi alarm, alloys, PAS, auto, C/Control, Suspension adjustment, finished in graphite grey, 12,000mls with FMSH. £29,995 01732 833356 T

SHOGUN V6 AUTO
1992 LWB auto. FSH, many extras, immaculate condition £15,250 ono.
Tel: 0181 954 3309 (h)
0181 208 3000 (o).

NISSAN AUTHORISED DEALERS

200SX Auto 94M, met maroon, touring pack, A/con, CD, lthr, alloys, FSH, 9k, £17,995 Graham Helen 0181 778 8981

MOTORBIKES

MOTORCYCLE
GOLDWING 1200
ASPENCADE.
C reg. Top of the range American tourer.
fully loaded.
£5,750.
Tel 01992 576100

NISSAN

300 ZX TWIN TURBO
June 93, manual, pearl black, 9k mls. FMSH, climate control, CD stereo, Nissan immob, cruise control, recently serviced, new tyres, one very careful owner absolutely immaculate condition, priced to sell £22,500
Tel Falkirk
01324 625 490 9-5pm or
0973 396 928 other times.

NISSAN WANTED

NISSAN 300ZX wanted low mileage pref lthr Mole Valley Motor Group 0181 394 1114

PERFORMANCE CARS

1990 R.S.P. MINI COOPER 'S' John Cooper eng conv. ' lthr, FSH 13k mls. £6k ono 01289 330868-H 306781 O 4 full spec

COSWORTH 1987 60,000 mls, FSH, moonstone £7,000. 01438 830953/ 0421 449959

COSWORTHS wanted, Escorts, Sierras & Sapphires Please call 01279 816049/0589 856258 T

ESCORT RS Cosworth Lux 93K Mallard Green lthr CD 1onr 47k FSH nr Aberdeen Airport! £18,995 01261 815661 T

MASERATI Karif J reg, red, 1 of only 25, 18K miles, FSH. £14,995. Tel 01222 599088

LOTUS 300 SPORT 1994.
Norfolk mustard with full leather interior.
Sunroof, air conditioning, CD.
Totally unmarked.
5,000 miles,
full Lotus service history.
£39,950.
Call 0121-325 1362

MITSUBISHI 3000GT
94L Red/black lthr, 4WD, 4W-Steer, Twin Turbo, a/c, CD, cruise, ABS, alloys, 21,000 miles, FSH,
£29,995
Bowling Green Garage
01905 830361
Mon-Sat 8.15am onwards

INSURANCE

PERFORMANCE CARS

MAZDA RX7 Twin turbo, metallic blue, 16K mls, FSH, 93(K), 8 months mazda warranty, mint cond £23,000. 01274 571861.

MITSUBISHI 3000 GT. '96 (N) Mod, 1000 mls. Passion Red, elec roof, save £8,000 accept £34,995 Tel: 01992 576848

NISSAN 300SX, 94L, Metallic Black, air con, lthr, 14,000 miles, 1 owner, FSH, £26,995. 01934 416454.T

ROVER 220 Turbo Coupe, 94, blue, full lthr, a/c, CD, alarm, FSH, 22k, £12,750 ono 01482 309782 w/ 812624 h.

PORSCHE WANTED

Tom Hartley
AS SEEN ON TV
U.K.'s No.1 Buyer of all Porsche, and Ferrari 1989-96.
The ultimate name dealing in Luxury Cars
COLLECT ANYWHERE
(01283) 762762 (7 DAYS)

LAND ROVER AUTHORISED DEALERS

HARWOODS

SURREY

Range Rover	
95 (N) 4.6 HSE. Silver. Extras. 5T	£46,999
94 (M) 4.0 HSE. Silver. 12T	£28,999
95 (N) 2.5 DT. Green	£34,999
94 (M) 4.0 Se Auto. Black. 25T	£30,995
94 (L) Vogue SE. Green. Extras	£27,499
94 (L) Vogue LSE (95 Mdl) 18T	£28,999
93 (K) Vogue Auto. Brown	£18,999
92 (J) Vogue Auto. Green. FSH	£14,499
Discovery	
95 (N) TDI ES Manual. Red	£27,499
95 (N) V8i XS Auto. Red. 3T	£24,999
95 (N) TDI S Auto. Caprice	£23,499
95 (N) TDI S 5dr. Caprice	£21,499
95 (M) TDi 5dr (LHD) Silver. 13T	£19,999
95 (M) TDi S Red 17T	£19,999
94 (L) TDi S 5dr Auto. Red	£18,499
95 (M) MPI S 5dr. Red. 12T	£17,999

SUSSEX

Range Rover	
95 (N) 4.6 HSE. Red. 6T	£49,995
94 (M) 4.6 HSE. White. 18T	£38,995
95 (M) 4.6 HSE (New Mdl) 24T	£37,995
95 (M) 4.6 HSE. Grey. 15T	£37,995
95 (N) 4.0 SE. Caprice. 1T	£38,995
93 (L) Vogue SE TDi Auto. 14T	£27,995
94 (M) Vogue LSE. Green. 7T	£25,995
93 (L) Vogue TDi. Red. 24T	£21,595
93 (L) Vogue. Green. 24T	£19,995
92 (J) Vogue SE. Grey. 81T	£17,995
92 (K) Vogue Auto. Blue. 46T	£17,995
92 (K) Vogue. Blue. 46T	£17,995
93 (K) Vogue SE. Red. 66T	£16,995
90 (F) Vogue Auto. Red. 90T	£10,995
Discovery	
94 (M) V8i 3dr. Blue. 19T	£19,995
93 (L) TDi S 5dr. Blue. 28T	£18,495

0181-681-1122 01798-872407

GUY SALMON
RANGE ROVER - EXCLUSIVE VALUE

94 M (95Mdl) 4.6 HSE, Biarritz Blue/Granite Leather, A/C, ESR, 13T	£39,950
94 M (95Mdl) 4.6 HSE, Black/Saddle Leather, A/C, ESR, Alloys, 17T	£39,950
95 M 3.9 SE, Classic Black/Sorrell Leather, TWR Alloys, CD, 1T	£30,950
92 K 3.9 Vogue A, Ardennes Green/Beige Cloth, A/C, ESR, 38T	£18,850
DISCOVERY	
94 L (95Mdl) V8i S Auto, Montpellier Red/Granite Cloth, A/C, Air Bags, 14T	£21,950
95 M TDI ES Auto, Montpellier Red/Bahama Leather, Full Spec, 7T	£24,850
94 M (95 Mdl) TDI ES, Avalon Blue/Granite Leather, Full Spec, 7T	£23,950
93 L (95Mdl) TDI ES, Avalon Blue/Granite Leather, Full Spec, 15T	£21,950
95 N TDI S 5dr, Biarritz Blue/Granite Cloth, Freestyle Choice, 6T	£21,850
94 M TDI S, Epsom Green/Bahama Cloth, Alloys, 7 Seats, 14T	£18,950
94 M (95Mdl) TDI S, Plymouth Blue/Granite Cloth, Alloys, 7 Seats, 18T	£19,950
94 M (95Mdl) TDI S, Plymouth Blue/Granite Cloth, Alloys, 7 Seats, 27T	£19,850
94 L (95Mdl) TDI S, Black/Bahama Cloth, Alloys, 7 Seats, 23T	£18,450
92 J TDI S, Ionian Blue/Sonar Cloth, Alloys, 38T	£14,950

Tel: 0181-339 0200 Sun (0850) 047344

PERFORMANCE CARS

PRESTIGE CAR AND CHAUFFEUR SERVICES
Corporate - Airport - Theatre - Races - Weddings
Or for any special occasions
FREEPHONE 0800 371 857
For more information and reservations

PEUGEOT

1995 N Reg 406/306 Turbo Diesel Estates & Hatchbacks. Under 10k miles. 01993 709275 (Oxfordshire) Anytime.

PORSCHE

911 CARRERA 2 Coupe 90 H. Baltic Blue Metallic, linen hide, blue piping. FSH. 60K miles. £28,950. Tel: 01703 402288

911 C2 Coupe. 91J. Tiptronic, Metallic Blue/blue hide, air con, 17" alloys, FSH, low mileage. £34,995. Part Exchange welcome Tel: 01142 722037 /Eves 01142 382892.T

911 Turbo silver, black lthr, 91, 42k fsh 12month war £43,500 C Ivey 0171 731 3612 T

911 Carrera 4 Convertible, 90G, 47,000 miles, FPSH, alloy wheels, E/hood, 12 stack CD E/Seats, PAS, air con, finished in electric blue, with doe hide. £29,995 01732 833356 T

911 CABRIOLET SPORT Dec 88 89 model, 2 owners, 100K, Metallic Grey, grey leather, power roof, excellent condition £19,950 Tel 01223 366 426 T

911 SC Cabriolet, 1983, finished in white with a black roof and blue leather FSH, only 79,000 miles, superb condition. £13,495 Tel 0181 332 7388 or 0831 288958 T

928 S4 1990 G, red, grey leather interior, 57k miles, FSH £20,000. 0181 207 5256

944 S2 1989 black/black ½ leather interior, 76,000 miles. FPSH, £12,500 01793 791361 or mobile 0860 536336

968 Coupe 6-speed Manual K-Reg Guards Red/black leather factory sunroof Porsche Alarm, AFN + 1 owner, Service History. PX considered £21,995. Tel: (9to9) 01203 305052.T

968 Coupe Tiptronic, 92 K, 18k miles, leather, Porsche immobiliser & alarm, CD, FPSH. Immaculate. £26,900. 0181 744 2332 or 0802 408313

SELLING or buying, for fast & effective assistance use THE REGISTER. 01869 343432 T

928 GTS
Auto, 93 L. High spec, special order marine blue, wood console/door trims, light grey leather, sports seats, Sony 10-stack CD, Porsche alarm. One owner, 40,000 miles. FSH and in genuine immaculate condition.
£39,950.
Tel office 01273835666 or home 01273 479431

911
Carrera 4 Coupe
95 model
Immaculate, 11,000 miles, polar silver, navy hide, grad tint screen, sports seats, 18" Porsche split rims, Sony 10 disc CD.
£59,995.
01925 811011 (days)
or 01704 878264 (eves).

911 TURBO
89 G, stone, 51,000 miles, excellent condition, FSH, cream piped leather. All extras, Porsche alarm & immobiliser.
£29,950. Tel: 01792 845 454.

PORSCHE WANTED

944 Cab wanted not red or white. Private cash buyer. Mr Sidwell 01564 775778 Solihull

WANTED Wanted. All Porsche, any miles / condition. 01895 835446/ 0831 123911 now T

PRIVATE BUYER wants Carrera 2 or 4 Coupe, 1990 to 1992, silver or light met, low mileage. Tel Robert on 01342 315665

REGISTRATION NUMBERS

[illegible]

D.K. REGISTRATIONS
Sudbury (01787) 312222
Many thousands of numbers available
Numbers required for waiting clients

S.S.S. REGISTRATIONS

[illegible]

1st for PLATES
B4 BOB
DON'T MISS THE LATEST RELEASE OF DVLC NUMBERS. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.
FROM £395
SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
PRICES INCLUDE PLATES
Tel: 01502 711800
Fax: 01502 710711

B2 ABC M3 AJK
CHOOSE YOUR OWN REGISTRATION NUMBER
A, B, H, J, K, M or N 2 - 20
PLUS ANY 3 INITIALS FROM ONLY
£250 + transfer fee
E.G. A7 ROV M3 ABC £250.
IDEAL PRESENTS NO NEED TO SEND US ANY DOCUMENTS. 1,000's AVAILABLE
B REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE FROM 15TH JAN. CALL NOW
01792 792235
K2 XJS A3 ???

REGISTRATION NUMBERS CNDA MEMBERS

January 15th is 'B' Day!
Make arrangements to secure your 'B' today!

As a result of our success over recent years with previous releases, we have installed even more dedicated telephone lines this year in readiness for the new 'B' registrations release. We have an excellent reputation borne out of an unrivalled success rate. It's easy to see why though, with 50 lines going continuously into DVLA's agents from 8am onwards. We will act for the first person who instructs us and we will only order for our clients to ensure no conflict of interests.

We are your best chance of securing your number. Our Hotline number is
0121 353 3333
Midland Registrations, Midland House
Chester Rd, Sutton Coldfield B74 3ED
(First come, first served)
Terms of business apply, inc credit/charge card surcharge where applicable
VISA SWITCH

REGISTRATION NUMBERS WANTED

H3 SPA Only £500 Telephone 01476 860979

21 CMH £4,280 ono Telephone: 01772 686707.

MHX 1	£4,000
JB 136	£4,500
LWB 3	£3,500
JJ 6964	£2,000
GJ 370	£2,500
364 FAY	£950
OSU 930	£450

The Real Car Co
Tel: 01248 602 649
Fax: 01248 600 994

PG's NUMBERS

[illegible]

01883 342305
Fax 341222 CNDA

TOO 5OON OIRO £10k tel 01799 501500

SDU 60N & N60 SDU Offers for pair £1,000+. 01943 879604.

H15 MSL Mercedes SL owners. £950. 0151 6257149

8 RM £9,950 Private sale. Tel: 0171 487 5698 (office hrs)

45 JGP On retention OIRO £3,000 01460 57403 or 0836 772333 T

L 61 £6,000 Telephone: 0121 433 3878

M3 HRH offers invited with or without high Spec M3 Conv 0181 332 2578/ 0973 298389T

RANGE ROVER

4.6 HSE 95, Epsom/grey lthr. 25k mls, 1 yr Land Rover wrnty £36,995. 0181 906 8800 T

4.0 SE Auto but 4.6 HSE spec, 95N, every poss extra Niagra grey, grey hide, 1,000m. £37,950. Tom Hartley 01283 762762 Open all Xmas hols

300 TDi Niagra, warranty & free servicing, FSH, air bags, s/roof, ABS, ETC, 17k mls. £24,600. Tel:01362 821 262.

92J R/Rover Vogue Auto, Plymouth blue met, 7 seats, esr, tow pack, alarm, fsh, 68,000 miles, only £12,998. Ring today 0850 787918 or 01283 712711.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Vogue LSE, 4.2, M reg, rare top of the range model, stunning red with red leather interior, colour coded, all conceivable extras, tracker, 8k miles only.
£34,500
Tel:0181 506 1174

RENAULT

SAFRANE RXE V6, Oct 93 L, auto, air con, C/C, top spec, 27k, dark blue. £11,995 Tel. 01978 810968 or 290731.

SAFRANE 3.0 Exec Auto 95N, 5,000 miles, Brooklands £18,995 01428 722898 T

هكذا من الأصل

Actor Bryan Mosley tells **Andrew Pierce** why he turned down Hollywood to become Mayor of *Coronation Street*

Lessons in the Saint's car with a fireman

STEERING COLUMN

As *Coronation Street* enters its 36th year, few members of the cast have seen as many changes as Bryan Mosley, better known as Alf Roberts, one-time mayor of Weatherfield and owner of the corner shop.

Bryan has been a regular since 1968 — and is now the third longest serving member of the cast — but first appeared as a postman in the series in 1961 when it was barely a year old. Before the *Street*, he performed alongside the likes of Roger Moore in *The Saint* or Michael Caine.

An accomplished stage actor and film buff, he recently demonstrated on television his hitherto unknown skills as a fencer. A founder member of the Society of British Fight Directors, he opted for Weatherfield rather than Hollywood. He said: "I had just finished the film *Get Carter* with Michael Caine. I thought about going to Hollywood, but then *Coronation Street* came up. I made the right choice. All the blokes I knew who went to Hollywood have either died or disappeared without trace."

Bryan, whose character was presented with an OBE by the Queen at Buckingham Palace in November, has a permament souvenir of his time as Mayor; he had his own ornamental chain made for the role and when his year in office came to an end, the chain went with him. In private life, he is a leading campaigner for the British Diabetic Association.

How did you first learn to drive?

I picked it up in the RAF in 1950. I was in air traffic control, so proficiency behind a wheel was an advantage. I was obliged to drive a Jeep and then a Land Rover. The gear lever snapped on the Land Rover, which was a prototype. I knew it would be a great success. It was another 10 or so years before I sat the driving test. I kept cancelling because work came up in *Z-Cars* or *The Saint*. I remember borrowing The Saint's car. It was a Volvo and the woman who used to clean for us said her husband would teach me. He was well qualified — he drove a fire engine.

What was your first car?

An Austin A40 Somerset. It drove like a tank. My father-in-law gave it to us. I was a skint actor and we had six kids, so it was vastly overpacked. I also crammed in my mother and father-in-law. Well, he did give us the car. In the days before *Coronation Street*, I hitch-hiked to London for auditions. Having the car made a big difference.

What car do you drive now, and why?

An Audi 100 automatic. It's my fifth Audi. I like them. It's a good car.

Do you like driving?

Not much these days, but sometimes on a clear road, which is rare, in good weather. I absolutely love it. I'm scared and nervous most of the time in case a tyre bursts. Compare that with driving in places like Lanzarote. You can see for miles, it's a breath of fresh air. For 20 years I used to drive 100 miles every day to the studios. But I had a heart attack. I now have a flat in Manchester. My wife, Norma, never took a test. Every time she made her mind up to learn, she fell pregnant again.

GUZELIAN

Bryan Mosley with his Audi 100 — and a model of his first Austin A40 Somerset, a gift from his father-in-law

What is your most hated car?

The Hillman Hunter (1960s) or the Hillman Avenger. They were always reps' cars. I also dislike ones driven by people with hats and pipes or a combination of both. The nearest I got to a hated car was a Talbot. Dreadful.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

When they overtake on the inside lane. The culprits always look like the same bloke — the sales rep type.

What is your dream car?

I don't dream about cars. There are far more interesting things to fantasise about. An ideal car would be one which does not break down.

What is your worst habit in the car?

Losing interest particularly on the same stretch of the M62 on my way home. It is the last four or five miles. I get terribly bored, and frequently turn off because I might become a danger.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

I got stuck in a carwash in a 12-seater Bedford van. All the kids and camping equipment were loaded in. I had not taken into consideration that it was more than 6ft high. We were thoroughly jammed. I had to let some air out of the tyres — and we never did get the van washed.

What do you listen to in the car?

I love tapes of *Dad's Army*. Another favourite is the late Arthur Lowe reading the *Diary of a Nobody*, or Robert Powell reading *The 39 Steps* on long journeys. On short journeys, I used to play Gershwin, but it is too depressing. I prefer Elgar.

If you were Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?

Clear all the old bangers off the road, especially the badly-maintained ones which belch smoke. I would also charge foreign wagons to drive on motorways. I would forbid them access to secondary roads unless they paid for a police escort. They come through the bottom of our street, hold everything up, and pollute us. We pay tolls on the Continent, and they should do the same here. They want harmonisation, after all.

Which is your favourite car advertisement?

The Rover 400 Series. Not that I have driven one. They are immaculate. If I do change the Audi, it will be for one of those. I also like the one for the Bentley Turbo. A friend of mine has one, but I always bang my head getting in. A prestigious car, although I would rather spend the money on a house.

Mercedes bids for a piece of the four-wheel action

Hugh Hunston looks at Range Rover's tough US-German rival

This car could upset the bandwagon that has carried Range Rover into the position as the world's most successful and desired four-wheel-drive vehicle.

Within two years, there will be a dramatically-styled rival carrying a three-pointed star on its bonnet. Mercedes has released details of its AAV, its All Activity Vehicle and the first Mercedes to be made in America. It will reach Britain in late 1997.

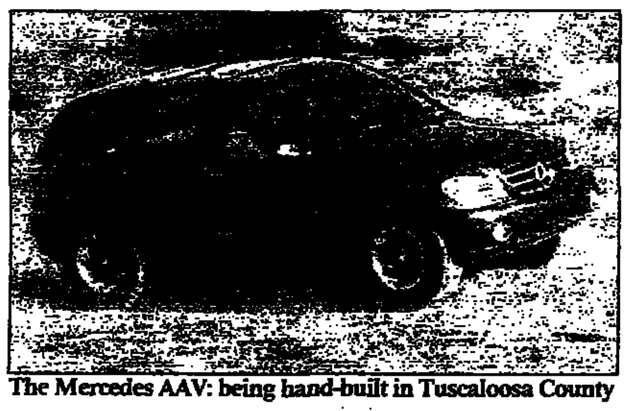
The AAV is certainly light years away from the almost military and definitely sober and underachieving G-Wagen series. Its design pedigree is transatlantic, with teams from Sindelfingen in Germany and Irvine, California creating a completely new vehicle, although the running gear is drawn from existing component banks. The electronically-controlled four-wheel-drive format will be linked to a variety of power units, from a European specification four-cylinder petrol and five-cylinder turbo-diesel to muscular V6 and V8 engines with automatic-only transmissions offered in the US.

Britain's Lucas Industries has helped to develop the traction-sensing electronic stability system designed for sure-footed roadholding on and off the tarmac.

The first batch of prototype AAVs are being hand-built in the factory workshop at Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, where an advance guard of 250 people currently operate out of trailers on the site. The Mercedes' Alabama base is the second new German automotive outpost, following BMW's operation in Spartenburg, South Carolina.

Production is due to start next year, with an ultimate target of 65,000 vehicles a year, half of which are earmarked for "home" market consumption across North America. The AAV should raise Mercedes' US volume up to 125,000 units during 1998.

Mercedes expects to put the AAV into US showrooms with a starting price of around $35,000 (£22,000), severely undercutting the Range Rover. If the company can do the same in Europe, then the vehicle, with the image of high quality bestowed by the Mercedes badge, could give Land Rover a bit of a shaking. The UK company has enjoyed huge growth in the US with Range Rover and the Land Rover Discovery, but the AAV could put a stop to that.



The Mercedes AAV: being hand-built in Tuscaloosa County

ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY

BENTLEY 8 MkII 91 Royal Blue 2 owners L/miles immac FSH 18 mths Gty Finance + PX Welcome £39.999 RR + B specialists 0181 567 9729 After hrs 01932 224872 Open Sun 10-2

BENTLEY 8 MkII 90 Midnight Blue L/miles FSH immac 18 mths Gty Finance + PX Welcome £36.950 RR + B specialists 0181 567 9729 After hrs 01932 224872 Open Sun 10-2

BENTLEY Turbo R 1989 Private Plate. Light Oyster Parchment piped Brown 110K. FBSH. New Tyres late kit. Immaculate No Time Wasters. £25,950 01784 481373/0585 562673 T

BENTLEY R Turbo. 90H. 91 model. dark blue/magnolia. 31K. FSH. pristine throughout. £46 995. 01753 892770 T

BENTLEY T II ·81· Brewster Grn/tan hide. painted rad FSH £4000+ spent recently by JBs. 96k. Stunning. £16,950 Hoffman's/ Henley 01491 573953

TURBO R
April 95. Royal blue. magnolia piped blue int. 4.000 miles. doors wood panels, hands free phone & CD.
£91,995.
0115 9440 322 (Between 9-5)
0115 9430 554 (After 5)

20/25
LANDAULETTE 1929
Attractive, Original Coachwork with Many Pleasing Vintage Features. MOT… £29,500
Choice of 25+ R-R & Bentleys Pre & Post War in Stock
Full Illustrated Stocklist.
The Real Car Co.
Tel: 01248 602 649
Fax: 01248 600 994

MARCH 1995
BENTLEY
BROOKLANDS
Pearl Red with Parchment Hide Interior, seats piped in Red. Full Hide Headlining, Turbo Seats, Fitted with Lambswool Rugs and Rear Quarter Badges. Distributor Supplied & Maintained with F.S.H. One owner from new.
12,000 miles ……£77995
CONTACT STEVE BROADBENT ON (DAY) 01282 411222 OR (MOBILE) 0585 788080 (T)

BENTLEY TURBO R 90. Rhasp /Tahih. 30½K mls 1 owner. FSH, many extras. £42,950. 0171 4875698 (office hours)

CORNICHE FHC Series II LHD 1977 Low mileage History immac 18 mths Gty £21.950 RR + B specialists 0181 567 9729 After hrs 01932 224872

MULSANNE S MkII 90 Mdl College Blue FSH immac 18 mths Gty Finance + PX Welcome £36.950 RR + B specialists 0181 567 9729 After hrs 01932 224872 Open Sun 10-2

MULSANNE S 92 Met Ebony Silverstone Turbo Trim ppd Black Flying B & badges white walls 19.500 mls superb FSH £52.995. 01753 261739.T

SHADOW I Collector's car. 33rd I Registered January 66. unmarked, tested 8 months. unique registration £26,000 ono. Tel 01142 421320

SHADOW II 81 Ivory/brown hide int with Ivory piping Everflex roof 50,000 miles pristine £14.999. LSM 0860 535907 / 0121 632 6756

SPIRIT 1.85. Dark Blue Met/ Magnolia. 2 own. 67K. FSH. £21.995 Tel 01753 892770 T

SPUR 84 Mdl Brooklands Green MkII Wheels 1 owner 33.000 miles As new FSH 18 mths Gty Finance + PX Welcome £24 950 RR + B specialists 0181 567 9729 After hrs 01932 224872 Open Sun 10-2

SPUR MkII 90 Light Oyster Immac low mileage 18 mnths gty Finance and PX Welcome £41.950 RR + B specialists 0181 567 9729 After hrs 01932 224872 Open Sun 10-2

TURBO R Oct 86 D. black/ magnolia hide. 1 own. FSH, immac. £25.000. 0181 467 9399.

BENTLY
TURBO R
Sept 88, Tudor red, 35,000 miles, Full RR Service History, cream leather with red piping, absolutely stunning car, needs to be seen.
£38,250. No canvassers
Tel: 01245 227105 or 01277 633400/ 0973 223447

Hooper Alpe
50/54 MARYLEBONE HIGH STREET LONDON W1
[illegible]
Tel: 0171-935 1124

SILVER SPUR MkII 93K 1 owner L/Miles FSH immac 18 months gty Finance and PX Welcome £66.500 RR and B specialists 0181 567 9729 After hrs 01932 224872

SILVER SPIRIT 1988 model, showroom condition. Blue, magnolia hide with blue piping. 19.000 miles. Former personality owner. £30,000. No dealers. Tel: 0121 433 3878

SILVER Spirit 11. Rhapsody/ Magnolia. 4/Ride/Mdl. 44K. FSH. 2 own. £33.995 Tel 01753 892770 T

SPIRIT 82Y Georgian Silver Ocean Blue light blue int a magnificent example £15.999 LSM 0860 535907 / 0121-632 6756

SPIRIT 88 Larkspur Blue/parch piped blue hide 67.000 mls FSH £27.995. 01733 261739 T

BENTLEY TURBO R
Jan 91. 38 K motorway miles. Royal blue, parchment hide/lining, piped seats, lambswool rugs, FRSH, tracker fitted
£48.500
Private sale
W Sussex 01798 812857
Evenings/Weekends

ROVER

1972 Rover 3500 S Yellow black vinyl roof 1owr 34k miles FSH £4.260 (O) 01428 712654 t

SMC offer over 300 Rovers at Discount Prices. N 827 Coupe 6K £22.950. N Sterling 6K £20.950 N Sterling F/Back 6k £20.950 N 623GSi 1K £17.950 N Vitesse 5K £15.998. N 216SE Cab 1K £15.250 M 620SLi Auto 12K £11 995 Rover Main Dealers 01753 674266

SAAB

900S 2.0 convertible Feb 1995 - M, blk/cream lthr ltrm. 9.500 mls £19.995 01629 55708

9000 CDE 2 3 turbo auto (H). FSH, every extra. 10 mth warranty £8.980 0121 711 4919

900 TURBO S (M). AC/FSH/ CD/16k/Extracover Black. immaculate £18 896 0171 378 1624 & 0973 627673 (M)

TVR

WANTED all low mileage TVR's. Please contact Charles Evelon, Mole Valley 0181 394 1114

GRIFFITH 500 Aug 95, midnight blue. black half leather. 4.000 miles. Immaculate condition. £30,000. Tel 01494 562237.

CHIMAERA 4 0 HC, 94 M. olympic blue, magnolia hide, CD, full warranty. 11k mls. £26.495 0118 9506926 or 0973 326690

NEWTOWN CHIMAERA
GRIFFITH
[illegible]
CHIMAERA
[illegible]
01633 485251

ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY AUTHORISED DEALERS

Lancaster GUARANTEED
Flexible lease purchase offer for business users
96Mdl Turbo R Acrylic White, Parchment, 3T …. £1,734
95M Turbo S Racing Green, Parchment, 3T …. £1,646
95M Spirit III Red Pearl, Sandstone, 9T ….. £1,013
94L Spirit III Graphite, Parchment, 7T …… £886
91J Turbo R Graphite, Silverstone, 29T …. £759
Monthly payments subject to status
Competitive Prices
0181 906 8695
Sunday 0370 472158
01604 239944

95M Bentley Azure Red Pearl/Parch .12T P.O.A.
96 Silver Spur III Royal Blue/ Magnolia …… .1T P.O.A.
94L Silver Spirit III Dorn. Graphite/ Silver Hide … 10T £73,995
94L Silver Spirit III Rhapsody/Parch .10T £73,995
91J Silver Spirit II Tudor/Parch .. 13T £52,995
94L Bentley Cont R Peacock Blue/Parchment ..8T P.O.A.
89G Silver Spirit II Deep Ocean Blue/Beige ….. 44T £39,995
0114 276 5522
Sunday
0831 480011

VOLKSWAGEN

CORRADO G60 92K. ABS. £10.995. Northway 0181 900 1622 or 0836 599595 T

CHEAPEST Volkswagens possible The Volkswagen Shop really do try harder 01520 722536

CORRADO VR6. 95N. Auto. leather. £19.995 Northway 0181 900 1622/0836 599595 t

FOR ALL your VW requirements, ring Graham Rose, Priory Park Tel 01926 400999 T

TRY us last! The ultimate VW buyer. Kingsley Park Garage (01604) 716906.

KARMAN OF BARNET offer: 95M Vento VR6, Black, 3.000 miles. £15,495. 0181-441 2345 or 0860 826568

Scotts
All vehicles come complete with the following:
• 14 day exchange plan
• 12 months road tax
• Independent mileage verification
• Extended warranty • HPI security check • 109 point quality check
• Specialising exclusively in low mileage late model used Volkswagens
[illegible]
SCOTTS OF SLOANE SQUARE… OF COURSE
SLOANE SQUARE 0171 730 2131 • STOCKWELL 0171 737 7133

NORMAND
☎ 0181 741 0161
Volkswagen
POLO 95M POLO 1.6 GL 5 door: Electric Green (Metallic) 7,000 miles …… £9,995
95M POLO 1.3 CL 5 door: Green (Solid) 2,000 miles … £8,995
GOLF 94M GOLF GTI 2.0 5 door finished in black only 9,000 miles …… £12,995
95N GOLF DRIVER 1.8 5 speed finished in Burgundy Red only 4,500 miles …… £11,695
95N GOLF DRIVER 1.8 CL 5 door, Metallic Mystic Blue 9,000 miles …… £10,995
94L GOLF DRIVER 1.8 5 door Bright Red, Alloy Wheels 18,900 miles …… £9,995
95M GOLF 1.6 CL 5 door, White, 12,000 …… £9,695
92K GOLF GTI 2.0 5 door finished in Silver 43,000 miles £9,495
95M GOLF 1.6 CL 5 door, Tornado Red, 8,900 miles .. £9,495
94M GOLF 1.4 L Diesel 3 door, Dark Blue (solid) 15,000 miles …… £8,995
95N GOLF 1.4 L 3 door finished in Candy White, 5,000 miles …… £8,995
95M GOLF 1.4 L SALOON finished in Red, 15,000 miles £8,695
95M GOLF 3 door finished in Green, 8,442 miles …… £7,995
94L GOLF 1.4 L 5 door finished in Red, 16,000 miles £7,495
95M GOLF 1.4 L 5 door Metallic Green, 6,000 miles … £7,395
94L GOLF 1.4 L 3 door finished in Red, 16,000 miles £7,495
94M GOLF 1.4 L 3 door Colour Red 21,000 miles …… £7,495
94M GOLF 1.4 L 3 door finished in Met Green 17,000 miles £7,495
92J GOLF 1.8 RYDER 3 door Colour Solid Red 35,000 miles …… £5,495
92J GOLF DRIVER 1.8 3 door Metallic Green only 84,000 miles …… £6,995
PASSAT/VENTO 95M PASSAT ESTATE 2.0 CL Solid English Green 14,000 miles …… £12,495
95M PASSAT L 1.8 SALOON 4 door, Candy White 44,000 miles …… £8,995
92J PASSAT 1.8 CL ESTATE: Light Metallic Blue, 53,000 miles …… £7,995
92K PASSAT 1.8 L ESTATE finished in Solid Red, 12,000 miles …… £7,995
95M VENTO 1800GL 4,000 miles finished in Solid Bright Red …… £10,995

Volkswagen at Dovercourt.
BATTERSEA
[illegible]
ST. JOHNS WOOD
[illegible]
Dovercourt
[illegible]

GOLF
DRIVER
H reg. 1990. 1.6, metallic grey, 4 speed automatic, power steering, taxed and MoT. Removable Kenwood radio cassette. Sunroof, 1 owner from new, VWFSH. 52,500 miles. £4,995 ono.
Tel: 01159 294023

VW SHOP
Massive stock!!!
Low prices!!!
Open 7 days a week!!!
You just can't top The VW Shop!!!
01789 294477

VOLVO

96 M 850 GLT Auto Est 20v Silver Sand Met 9k 1 own full mfrs wrrty £17.998 Full Dlr facil P/X welcme 0181 692 0202

95 M 850 SE Auto 10v est. Met Red 9k Air Con 1 own. full mfrs wrrty £16,998 Full Dlr facil P/X welcme 0181 692 0202

95 M 850 SE Auto 10v est. Met Blue. 9k Air Con. 1 own. full mfrs wrrty £16.995. Full Dlr facil P/X welc 0181 692 0202

VOLVO.

95 M 850 saloon Auto 10v Met Grey. 10k. 1 own. full mfrs wrrty £16.995. Full dealer facil. P/X welc 0181 692 0202

960 ESTATE
93L, dark silver, leather upholstery, central locking, automatic sunroof, air conditioning, alarm, 30,000 miles, lovingly looked after in every respect. Volvo life cover, finance available and warranty.
£17,800.
Contact: M. Hicks
01963 32213 (W)
0402 206136 (M)

VOLVO
[illegible]
Triangle Stamford Hill
0181-800 0411

VOLVO

850 CD auto estate, 95 N, navy met/lthr int, 6k mls, full spec. superb. £18,600 Tel: 0181 203 3349 or 0802 216 176.

850 GLE Estate, Olive. 2.5, 10 V, 95, fogs, roof rails, tow bar. £22,200. Tel: 01264 781886.

850 T5 95, M reg. 11,800 miles, red, full leather, climate control, FVSH, as new, £20,800 ovno. Tel 01579 361178.

940SE Turbo. Auto. 92 J. Air Con. S/roof. ABS. SIPS. FSH. Met silver. 1 owner. £8,880 01787 222749 or 0860546328

850 T5-R Estate. Yellow. M reg. manual, 9k mls. warranty, as new. £26,950. 01745 337105.

940SE Turbo diesel estate Man. June 95. Silver. A/C. 8.900 mls. Full manufacturers warranty £17.400 01898 234636

1995 M 850 GLT Auto est 20v. Met Blue. 3k. 1 own. full mfrs. wrrty. £18.995 Full dealer facil P/X welcome 0181 692 0202

T5 Estate 94M 17k red many extras FVSH £18.996 Tel: Mike Coombe 01284 725466 T

T5-R Auto Estate (limited edition), choice, from £150 per week with 10% deposit. Full facilities. Contact Russel at VSF 01252 717707/0378 234543 T

COUNTRY Motors keen buyers. Volvo Est & cars 90-95. collect anywhere UK. 01963 363110

ESTATES Excellent 7's, 8's & 9's Wanted and For Sale. Tel: PWC 01494 672727 (Fax 672704)

VOLVO T5 Estate Auto. 95N. Red. 5.000 miles. £21.995. Kendrick. 0118-947 5844

WANTED T5R Estate Black/ Green Man/ auto Cash Purchase nationwide Brian Freakley 0836 294333

TREMENDOUS SAVINGS ON NEW VOLVOS!!
+ Most makes of cars LHD & RHD supplied.
EURO CONTINENTAL CARS
Tel:01703 470208
Fax:01703 471707

VOLVO WANTED

COUNTRY Motors keen buyers. Volvo est & cars 90-95, collect anywhere UK. 01963 363110

VOLVO

NEW VOLVO 850 R Model …… £29,676
NEW VOLVO 940 Saloon …… £15,632
NEW VOLVO 850 Diesel Saloon … £19,626
NEW VOLVO 940 Sports Estate … £21,409
96 SPEC VOLVO'S
VOLVO 460 1.8 From …… £10,739
VOLVO 440 and 460 1.8 CD …… £13,619
VOLVO 850 GLT Saloon with Air/Con £19,435
VOLVO 850 Estate From …… £17,565
VOLVO 850 SE Estates From …… £18,970
VOLVO 850 T5 Estates …… £21,369
VOLVO 850 CD Estates From …… £21,500
VOLVO 940 Estates From …… £15,281
VOLVO 940 Turbo Diesel Estate. Hi Spec. Save Over £3,000 - Bargain …… £18,680
VOLVO 960 Saloons From …… £19,640
VOLVO 960 Estates From …… £20,455
VOLVO 960 CD Auto Estate …… £25,882
New Bargains of the Week:
VOLVO GLT EST, Grey Full Lthr, Cruise Control, Lowered Chassis …… £23,708
VOLVO SALOON 850 GLT Air Con Grey Lthr £18,550
VOLVO 940 SE LP Turbo Est. CD Player. Save £2,000. …… £17,930
CITROEN
95 N XANTIA VSX. Auto, White, Delivery Mileage …… £16,495
95 N CITROEN XM 2.1 Turbo Diesel. Auto, Estate, Emerald Green …… £19,995
95 M XANTIA SX TD. Selection Under 10,000 Miles from …… £11,495
95 M XANTIA LX TD. Selection Under 10,000 Miles …… £10,495
AX 1.0 Elation Including FREE INSURANCE at …… 5,995

EURO CONTINENTAL CARS
R.H.D and L.H.D. SUPPLIED
SAAB 9000 CDE 2.3 AUTO …… £24,950
SAAB 9000 CSE 2.3 AUTO …… £24,950
NEW NISSAN ALMERA …… £9,250
ROVER 400 5 Door …… £10,887
DISCOVERY TDIS 5dr, A/C, R/Rls, Twin S/Rfs, Alloys …… £23,500
RENAULT TWINGO LHD from …… £7,100
Mercedes LHD all models phone for details
PEUGEOT
306 3 Door Turbo Diesel + S/Roof £11,980
306 5 Door XR Diesel Turbo + S/Roof …… £12,123
405 SALOON GTXD Turbo + S/Roof …… £14,578
405 EXECUTIVE Diesel Turbo + S/Roof …… £16,695
USED VAUXHALL'S
95 N CALIBRA 2.0 8v, Smoke, 9,500 mls …… £13,800
95 N CORSA 1.4 LS 5DR, Flame, 10,000 mls …… £7,400
95 N OMEGA 2.5 GLS TD 5DR Auto, Diamond, 12,000 mls …… £16,400
95 N ASTRA 1.4 LS 5DR High Torq, 11,300 mls, Choice of Two …… £8,300
MOST MAKES OF CARS SUPPLIED
Tel. No. 01703 470208
Fax No: 01703 471707
PX Welcome

TOYOTA

CHEAPEST Toyotas possible. The Toyota Shop really do try harder 01520 722536 anytime

PREVIA GXi 94M Auto Green 16K A/C A/B C/C Alloys Mint £17 995 01438 821001

SNOWCHAINS

weissenfels
Probably the world's easiest fitting snow chains.
DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT THIS WINTER
[illegible]
Tel: (01732) 884408

VAUXHALL

NEW Vauxhall Monterey LTD 3.1 TD 5-Dr Met Silver. 3rd Row Seats. Delivery miles only On the Road £21,995. Phoenix Vauxhall 0181 871 3171

TANKS

ULTIMATE OFF THE ROAD VEHICLE
ABBOTTS TANK
ONE CAREFUL OWNER
AUTOMATIC
105MM
SUPERB CONDITION
ROAD LEGAL
MUST BE SEEN
TEST DRIVE AVAILABLE
£20,000 ono
0181 520 6263/
0181 558 3715/
0860 434069

VOLVO AUTHORISED

VOLVO
95N 940 SE Turbo Diesel Estate Man Red Pearlescent Leather Air Conditioning 7K …… £18,995
95M 850 SE 2.5 20V Estate Automatic Dark Blue Metallic Sunroof 10K …… £18,995
95M 850 GLT 2.5 10V Estate Manual Black Alloy Wheels 6K …… £18,495
95M 850 SE 2.5 10V Estate Manual Choice of Six From …… £17,995
95M 940 S 2.3 Estate Manual Onyx Green 15K …… £14,995
95M 940 SE 2.3 Estate Manual Verdigris Metallic 14K £14,595
95M 940 SE 2.0 Turbo Saloon Manual Silver 5K …… £13,995
ALL CARS LISTED ARE WITHIN VOLVO-PLUS(3 YRS/60,000 MILE WARRANTY)
MARSHALLS
Tel: 01753 523031

هكذا من الأصل

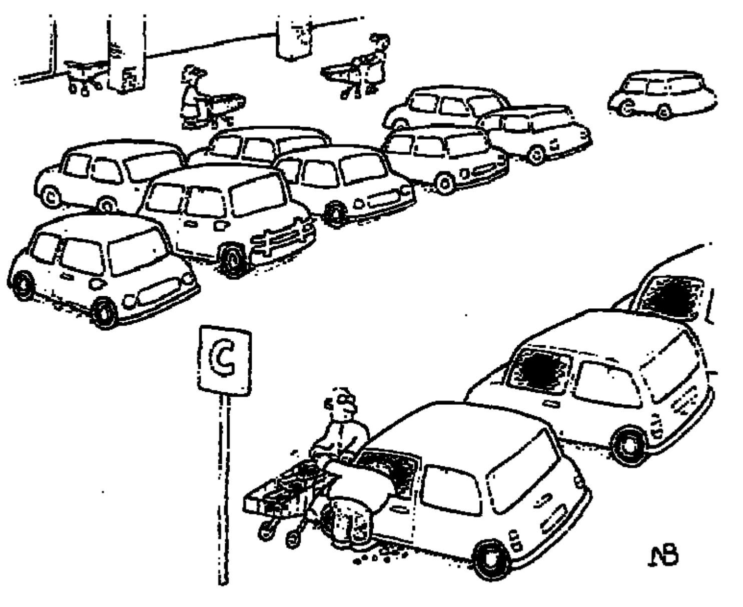
صكنا من الاجل

Yes, witnesses do telephone the police if they see someone stealing your radio — and they do take it seriously

A myth that died in a car park

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION

Peter Barnard



Two men in a light blue Cortina drive into an open air pay-and-display car park. They get out and approach my car and smash the passenger side front window. A noise like a gunshot alerts a witness in an office overlooking the car park. The men remove the car radio and depart.

So far, so routine. But then things happen that are not in the Handbook of Motoring Myths. The book would have it that anyone seeing such an incident is likely to ignore it: none of my business. Reporting said incident to the police, sayeth the book, is so much wasted time.

We are led to believe that the police response is likely to be: what do you expect us to do? Thus we encourage car crime by assuming that the police won't want to know, which is exactly what the thieves hope we will do. They feed on our impotence.

My radio disappeared at 2.15 in the afternoon. At 2.20 I returned to the car and the man who had seen the thieves took the trouble to come down from his office and tell me what he had seen and that he had called the police.

Within five minutes, a police car arrived. The two officers could not have taken the matter more seriously if it had been a bank robbery. One went off to take a statement from the witness and the other took down my details.

The witness had seen only the registration letter of the car, so the chances of catching the culprits are slim. The point however is that nothing in the attitude of the police suggested anything other than that this was a crime like any other, and they would investigate it.

In conversation with the police, I discovered that those of us who think that if we visit enough local pubs we will probably be offered the stolen radio for a fiver are out of touch with reality. Just as most prostitution is now conducted to feed drug habits, so the theft of car radios is often done by organised gangs to finance drug purchases. A decent car radio (the thieves are quite choosy) is worth at least one fix of cocaine.

Before the police left, I expressed the vindictive hope that the thieves might want to keep the radio and might be avid followers of cricket, for the one from which I had just been separated lacked long wave and therefore could not receive *Test Match Special*. The gist of the reply was that people who went around smashing up cars and stealing radios were not famous for following the activities of Mr Atherton and Co. What a miserable life they must lead.

THE IMPRESSION that the MoT is simply a licence to print money will be reinforced by my colleague Vaughan Freeman's report in *Car 96* last week that drivers face bills of hundreds of pounds to replace worn out catalytic converters.

First question: as older cars do not have to have them, why are cats part of the MoT? Next question: if the technology is so rudimentary that a cat can be ruined by going through a puddle, why are drivers being lumbered with such delicate devices?

Cats are supposed to be good for 50,000 miles, which is a drive round the block to people who use cars for a living. Now we learn that puddles, driving over road humps too fast or knocking against the end of the exhaust pipe can ruin the catalyst.

All of this is in addition to the age-old cat problem, which is that if you park in long grass you are liable to go up in flames. Parking in long grass tends to be associated with illicit romantic trysts, but burning in hell as a consequence is a mite too Biblical for my liking.

The one thing we can be sure of is that nobody who bought a car equipped with a catalyst was told they would shortly be lining the pockets of garage owners as a reward for protecting the ozone layer.

AA GRIDLOCK GUIDE

● LONDON

International Boat Show, Earls Court January 14, centre, expect heavy traffic in one-way system and on the A4 Cromwell Road.

A40 Western Avenue, Acton. Major roadworks with contraflow between Hilary Road and the Northern roundabout.

A406 North Circular Road, Upper Edmonton. Major roadworks continue over Lea Valley viaduct.

A406 North Circular Road, Finchley. Major roadworks continue with various restrictions between the A1 and A1000 junctions.

A12 Eastern Avenue, Wanstead. Construction of M11 link road continues, with eastbound down to a single lane between the Redbridge roundabout and High Street.

● SOUTH-EAST

M4 Berkshire. Major roadworks and contraflow between junctions 6 and 8/9 cause lengthy tailbacks daily.

M25 Surrey. Two sections of widening work, with lane closures and contraflows between junctions 6 and 8 and junctions 9 and 10.

A36 Hampshire. Repairs at Wellow Common Bridge.

● SOUTH-WEST

M4/M5 Avon. Work on the new Second Severn crossing continues, with restrictions around Almondsbury & Aust interchanges, and also on the M5 around junction 18.

M32 Avon. Widening work continues on the link between junction 19 of the M4 and Bristol city centre.

M5 Somerset. Bridge repairs with lane closures both ways between junctions 21 and 22.

A4 Wiltshire. Roadworks and temporary lights in Calne town centre at the Market Hill junction and on Sandy Lane cause regular delays.

A386 Devon. Resurfacing work with temporary lights at Pits Cleave, near Tavistock.

A389 Cornwall. Gas works with temporary lights on Dennison Road, Bodmin cause long delays.

● MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA

M6 West Midlands. Major roadworks continue between junctions 5 and 6 with lane restrictions in both directions.

M1 Leicestershire. Final stages of the major roadworks underway with lane restrictions in both directions between junctions 21 and 22.

A6 Leicestershire. Major roadworks and contraflow at Lockington, between junction 24 of M1 and Sawley Island.

A563 Leicestershire. Roadworks and contraflow on Lubbersthorpe Way, Leicester between the Dumbell Island and the A47 junction.

A515 Derbyshire. Today and tomorrow, 8am to 4pm, road closed at Aston Bridge near Ashbourne for repairs.

A11 Norfolk. Construction of the new Wymondham bypass continues, with lane and speed restrictions between Hethersett and Attleborough.

● NORTH

M1 West Yorkshire. Roadworks and contraflow at end of motorway, junction 47.

M6 Cheshire. Widening work continues between junctions 20 and 22.

M6 Lancashire. Reduced to two lanes in each direction for work to the overhead gantries between junctions 28 and 30. From 8pm today until 7am tomorrow both carriageways are completely closed for bridge work between junctions 28 and 29.

M66 Greater Manchester. Roadworks between junctions 4 and 5 with two lanes open each way. From 6am today until 8pm tomorrow northbound carriageway is closed for additional weekend work.

A167M Tyneside. From January 21 northbound lane closures on the Newcastle Central Motorway near Jesmond Road interchange.

● WALES

A449 & A40 Gwent. Major roadworks on Newport to Monmouth route with traffic reduced to a single lane.

A48 West Glamorgan. Construction work on all approaches to the Wychtree roundabout at Morriston.

A483 West Glamorgan. From January 15 major roadworks and contraflow on Fabian Way, Swansea between Elba Crescent and the Earlswood traffic lights.

A550 Clwyd. Construction of a new interchange between Woodbank and Queensferry means lane restrictions and a 40mph limit.

● SCOTLAND

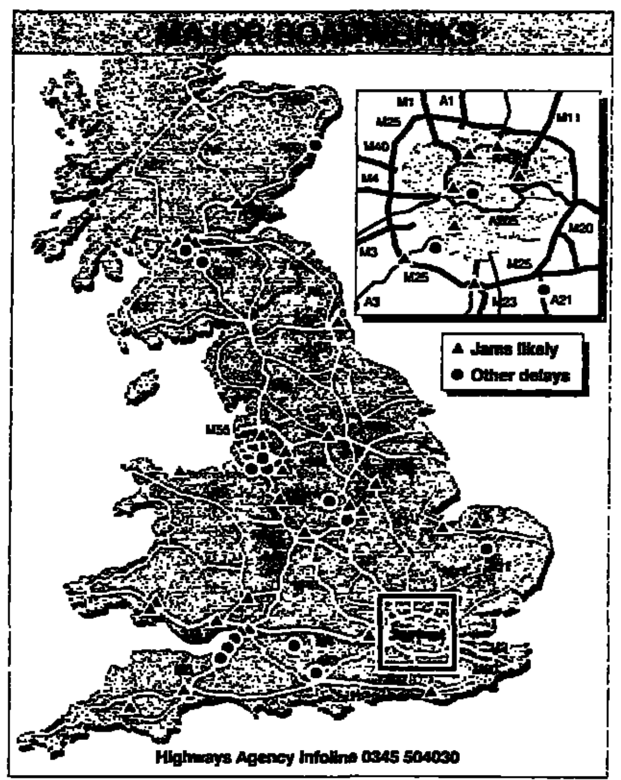
M8 Strathclyde. Roadworks with lane closures in both directions between junctions 26 and 27.

A749 Strathclyde. Dalmarnock Bridge in Glasgow closed southbound.

A741 Strathclyde. Major repairs to the M8 bridge on Renfrew Road in Paisley will cause delays.

A945 Grampian. Riverside Drive, Aberdeen closed for demolition work at Wellington Bridge.

MAJOR ROADWORKS



Highways Agency Infoline 0345 504030

There is still a chance to take part in the journey of a lifetime on the Peking to Paris rally. **Kevin Eason** reports

An epic from East to West

Great anniversaries need great deeds to celebrate, and intrepid readers of *The Times* are planning an epic. They will be attempting to drive from Peking to Paris next year in a re-run of the world's first motor rally.

Half the 85 entries are pre-Second World War models and include classic car owners such as Chris Dunkley and his wife, Jan, from Maidstone, Kent, who will be pitting their 1935 Bentley against the elements and uncertain roads of a dozen countries.

The Peking to Paris Rally was held for the first time in 1907, when the motor industry was barely born and cars were as primitive as the roads they were expected to traverse. At the end of this first century of cars, the challenge could be just as testing.

Readers of *The Times* jammed the switchboard of the rally organisers when the event was announced a year ago to book a place on one of the most charismatic and exciting drives of the century.

A maximum of 15 places remain for motorists who want to drive the full length of China, climb across the roof of the world of Tibet, and from Katmandu and Nepal, in sight of Everest, race back to Europe via the Taj Mahal, Pakistan, across the Persian trails first trodden by Marco Polo through Iran, Turkey and Greece to the foot of Italy, then across the Alps to Paris.

Some of the conditions have changed little. The route will force drivers to camp in their own tents for at least five nights through remote mountain passes in Tibet, and all of the cars will have to be robust enough to survive at least half the 12,000-mile route on 70-octane petrol.

Apart from the Dunkleys, Lord Selsdon is turning Bond for the event in an Aston Martin DB5. Lord Montagu of the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu is taking the oldest car — a 1914 Prince Henry Vauxhall — while Sir David Steel will be in his Rover P5, one of several 3-litre Rovers, a model favoured to do particularly well. London restaurateur Mauricio Selci is entering a Citroën 2CV, probably the smallest car, and Peter and Sue Noble, of Loughton, Essex, a 3-ton 1925 Lanchester, probably the biggest.

Also among the adventurers will be the Hon Francesca Sternberg, with the only all-women crew in the event, who has decided to take a Volvo. She says she has never driven in a rally before, but lists her credentials as having held a heavy goods licence and has driven a truck to Bulgaria. The Selection Committee had little difficulty in accepting her entry — but chided her with the comment that her choice of car was "rather boring". That might be unkind to the poor Volvo, but at least she stands a good chance of completing the trip in her trusty Swede.

Most popular marque is Bentley, with 10 models taking part; Rolls-Royce is second with six, including three Phantoms and a Silver Ghost. Jaguars, Aston Martins and Triumphs will be there along with Humber Snipes, a Vauxhall Cresta and a Peugeot 404.

At the start of the 1907 event, the drivers had no permission to leave China, so arguments and delays at the start meant they set off when the rainy season was well under way. Slime, lots of mud, and the odd paddy field saw a difficult start with the Gobi desert and Mongolia deflating optimistic drivers of five cars who had held enough faith in their abilities to get to the start.

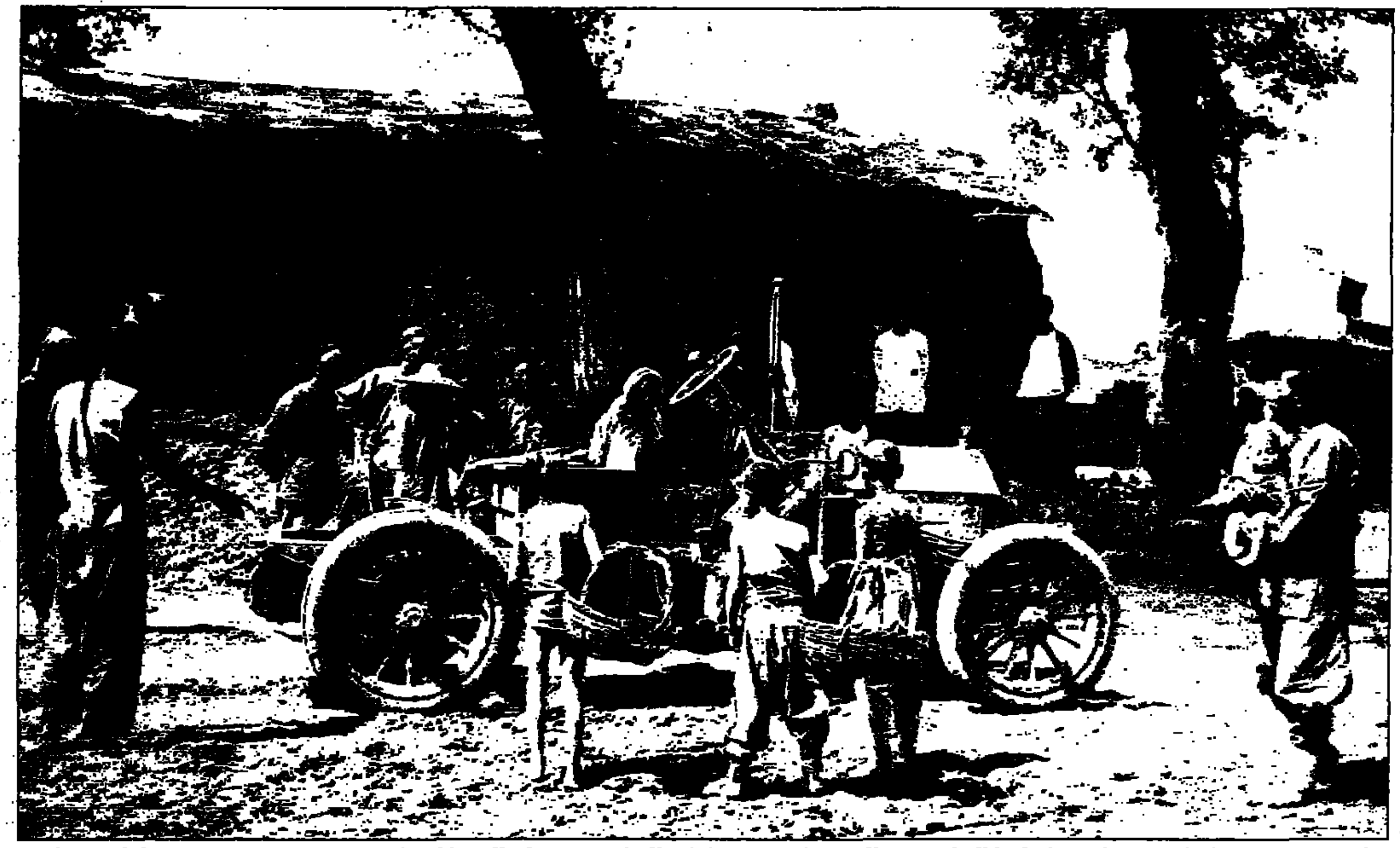
Until 1907, there was only the London to Brighton run and the odd circuit race, the red flag carried by a man in front of the car at a tame 4mph had only just been abolished in Britain and the motoring establishment considered the Peking escapade so foolhardy that no Brit bothered to enter, reckoning the entire race was doomed from the start.

But once reports made it in morse code from telegraph stations along the trans-Siberian railway, eager motorists were captivated by the challenge of it all and daily rang *The Times* eager for news. They needn't have bothered though: in the best Fleet Street traditions, the man from the fledgling *Daily Mail* missed his connection to China so went instead to a communications relay station where he waited for the daily updates to come in. He is said to have diverted despatches destined for *The Times* to his own newspaper.

Prince Scipio Borghese won in a 7-litre Itala, although the prize of a bottle of champagne was no more than a token after 60 days' driving. It was not all toil though: the Prince, a wealthy and exotic Italian aristocrat, took a diversion at Moscow to drive to St Petersburg, taking in a celebratory ball attended by "many fine ladies" then raced the 500 miles back to Moscow to continue with the event to win by a clear week from a Dutch runner-up, a fairground barker in a Spyker who begged and borrowed his way along the route, taking petrol and tyres from other competitors. Only one car failed to make it, a three-wheeler Contal. The crew was rescued, but legend has it that the car is still where they left it, buried beneath the sand of the Gobi desert.

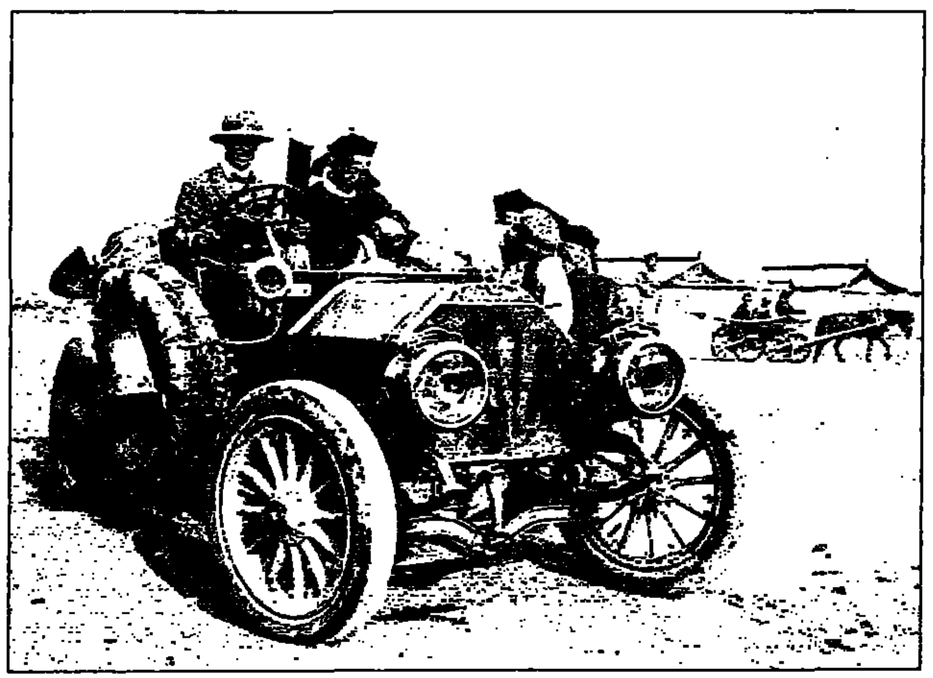
Philip Young, the rally organiser, says that if calls to *The Times* are anything to go by, filling the remaining 15 places will not be much of a headache. He adds: "One thing is certain though, the hangover from the final finish prizegiving in Paris should be truly memorable, with drivers dining out on their experiences long after the dust has settled."

Rally headquarters is on 01235-851391.

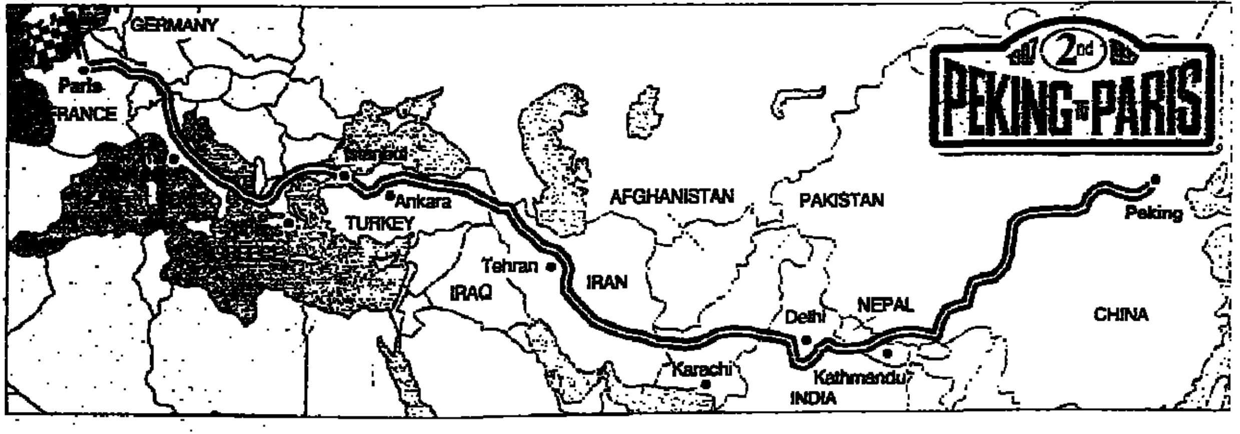


Prince Scipio Borghese's Itala during the 1907 rally; he stopped off to join "many fine ladies" at a ball in St Petersburg and still won by a week

Entrants Chris and Jan Dunkley with their 1935 Bentley



Prince Borghese shows the Grand Lama of Tibet the machine that will move the world



NEWS IN BRIEF

Lead alert

EVIDENCE mounts against new lead-free, four-star petrol finding its way on to British forecourts. Tests of VSRP (valve seat recession protection) petrol in a Rover engine designed for pre-1990 cars led the manufacturer to warn motorists to continue using conventional four-star. The VSRP fuel was designed for environmentally-conscious motorists whose cars needed four-star but who wanted to get rid of lead.

Tracked down

POLICE have cracked an international ring of car thieves thanks to the Tracker homing device. The Tracker, which beams a signal to police cars, was fitted to a left-hand-drive Jeep Grand Cherokee stolen in London. Police followed the signal and found seven vehicles in crates on the dockside at Tilbury, awaiting shipment to Nigeria. Other crates contained six other stolen cars — four Mercedes, a BMW and a Vauxhall Frontera.

Racing Magpies

TODAY St James's Park, tomorrow the world ... Kevin Keegan's Newcastle United unveiled this week sponsorship of its own Magpie-coloured sports car. The club is supporting Lister's 200mph Storm GT1, which will compete this year at Daytona as well as the historic Le Mans 24-hour endurance race.

Nissan boost

NISSAN has invested another £10 million in Britain by locating its European data centre at Washington, Tyne and Wear, home of its factory which opened 10 years ago. The centre will control by computer all vehicle production from Washington, which makes the Micra and Primera cars, and Barcelona in Spain, where Nissan makes the Terrano 4x4 (as well as the Ford Maverick), Serena multi-purpose vehicle and Vanette Cargo commercial van.

Honda can move people and luggage better than rival makers, says **Alan Copps** — and readers have a chance to win one and find out for themselves

In deeper space with a Shuttle

The Honda Shuttle offers a feeling of perfect driving safety in the worst road conditions and enough room to accommodate all the family and everything they want to take with them

Whether the Honda Shuttle is a people carrier, an estate or an overgrown hatchback has been the subject of a lively debate since it was introduced in this country last June. But get behind the wheel and you soon realise that the answer doesn't really matter.

This versatile vehicle, developed under the project name "personal jet", fulfils all three functions and adds a touch of luxury befitting such an ambitious title. After a New Year test drive including country lanes covered in snow and sheet ice, patchy fog and the cloying mud left by a swift thaw, it also proved itself, on the road at least, a match for many a four-wheel-drive.

Those now tiring of the craze for trendy four-wheel-drive vehicles which rarely, if ever, venture off the roads are among Honda's target market for the Shuttle. Apart from the expensive transmission required to drive four wheels rather than two, the Shuttle offers all the advantages of such vehicles: an elevated driving position, roomy interior and adaptable load space.

The outstanding feature is handling and ride. It offers six very comfortable seats and, especially when they are all in use, a good deal more luggage space than most of its MPV competitors, yet sacrifices nothing of the engineering quality and sporty feel which are Honda's virtues. In a rapidly growing market which carmarkers are falling over themselves to get into and where various contenders have been described as "vans with windows" or "tarted up minibuses", the Shuttle looks like a car, feels like a car and drives exactly like a car.

The smooth ride and precise handling is delivered through the same all-round independent suspension layout used in Honda's cars. It provides the feel of a car-like driving position and the comfort of a saloon, but combines them with that "view over the other traffic" that proves so appealing to many car drivers when they sit in a people carrier.

The downside of that high driving position — and one of those features that puts a lot of first-timers off these vehicles — is that if you throw most people carriers at a tight corner you can induce an alarming amount of roll. It may be perfectly safe and all four wheels may remain firmly in contact with the surface, but because of their height the sensation of rolling is accentuated enough to frighten a nervous novice. The Shuttle is a good deal lower than most of its rivals and, with its independent suspension and anti-roll bars, feels much more secure. On a tight bend, even on a grotty surface, it responds like a saloon. On icy and twisting lanes the Shuttle never provided a moment of alarm.

Ride and handling are complemented by all-round disc brakes and an anti-lock braking system as standard. A lot has been written recently about how ABS may give drivers a false sense of security and thus encourage them to take unnecessary risks, but in the conditions found in middle England over the New Year there was absolutely no doubting its worth. The emphasis on safety inside the car is also strong with twin front airbags, safety-cage construction for the main passenger cabin, side impact protection, a heavily reinforced latch for the rear tailgate and three-point seat belts throughout.

The four front seats are all "captain's chairs" finished in luxury fabric and with fold-down central arm rests. There is generous adjustment and spacing between them and the whole cabin is designed as a walk-through area thanks to the column-mounted gear-shift lever and handbrake set close to the driver's seat.

All this is pulled along with extraordinary smoothness by a 2.2-litre, four-cylinder engine mounted transversely on a strengthened and adapted version of the front substructure from Honda's Accord saloon. This engine is a refinement of that used in the Accord for the US market. Its tuning is aimed more at delivering fuel economy and consistent torque than at out-and-out performance, although Honda is fiercely proud of its racing pedigree and, even in this economical form, the Shuttle boasts a higher top speed (114mph) and faster acceleration to 60mph (12.2 seconds) than any but the most souped-up rivals.

The Shuttle comes only with automatic transmission, a decision taken after market research concluded that a majority of customers seeking an upmarket people carrier would prefer it. It is the latest four-speed version of Honda's electronically controlled unit which includes a feature known as "Grade Logic". This prevents that irritating feeling of "hunting" between the ratios, which often happens with conventional automatics on a gradient. It works through sensors that detect the severity of the gradient and whether the car is going uphill or downhill, then relies on this information to select the optimum gear to avoid unnecessary changes.

As well as taking care of hills, this also makes town driving a relaxed affair, a vital point when you consider how many people carriers are bought with the school run in mind. Fortunately, all this gadgetry does nothing to reduce the responsiveness of the transmission if you need to floor the throttle to get round one of those dreadful "middle-lane hogs" who must be the curse of our motorways.

At £22,995, the Shuttle costs more than the average people carrier, but the conclusion of a week's test in grim winter conditions must be that, especially in terms of comfort, ride and handling, it offers a lot more, too.

THE SHUTTLE

Body style: 5-door, 6-seater, people carrier.

Engine: Transversely mounted, 4-cylinder, 2156cc giving 150bhp at 5,600 rpm.

Transmission: 4-speed automatic with electronic control is standard.

Performance: Maximum speed 114mph. 0-60mph in 12.2 seconds.

Economy: Urban cycle 22.6 mpg: constant 56mph, 35.8mpg: constant 75mph, 29.4mpg.

Equipment: Power assisted steering, anti-lock braking, twin airbags, central locking with built-in immobiliser, six-speaker stereo radio/cassette player, air conditioning, electric slide/tilt sunroof, electric mirrors and windows.

Insurance Group: 16.

Price: £22,995 plus £450 delivery charge.

COME ON INSIDE THERE'S ROOM FOR EVERYONE

Whatever Honda may say about having invented a new class of vehicle, the Shuttle currently has to compete in the people carrier market, where there are now ten makers fighting over the territory which Renault pioneered a decade ago with the Espace. Many of the models on offer have seven seats rather than the Honda's six, so to load it with a family of five and their luggage seemed a fair test.

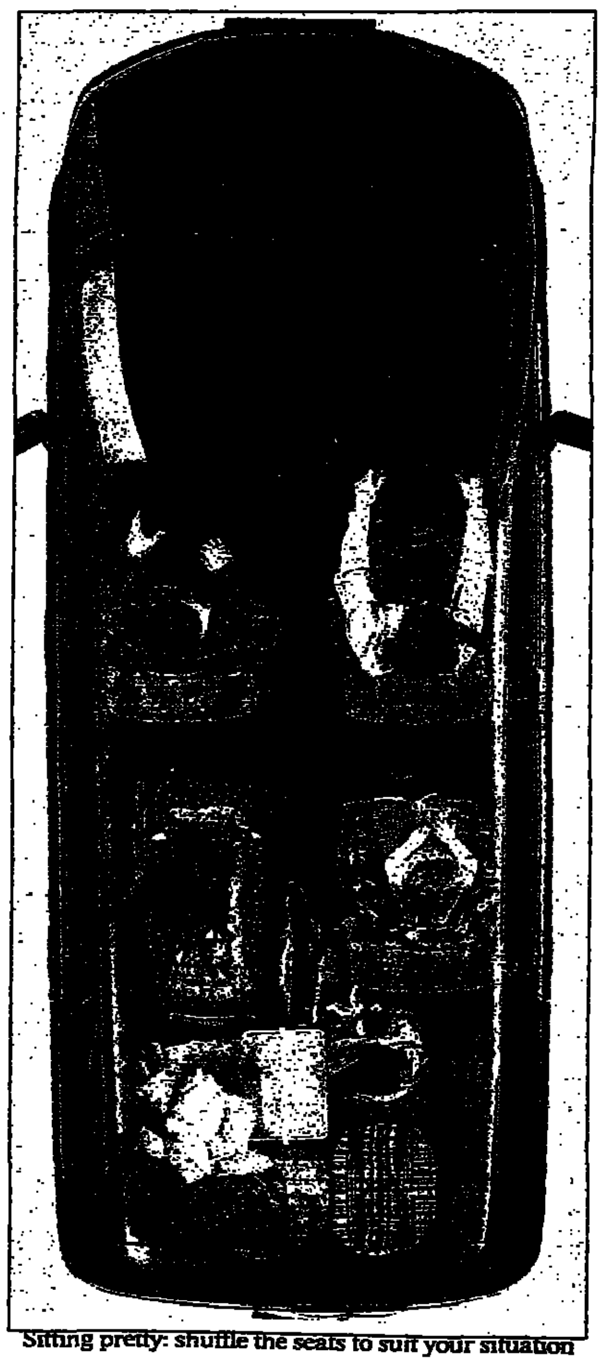
A New Year break in icy Oxfordshire provided an ideal opportunity. One of the major criticisms of people carriers is that, despite all the blurb about versatility and load carrying, if you want to use all the seats you are not left with much luggage room and, even if you take one seat out of a seven-seater, there is not sufficient space for six sets of luggage. We needed five seats, so would removing one from the Shuttle's middle row leave enough space for the piles and piles we wanted to transport?

Usually, we do not travel with the kitchen sink — it just seems like it — but on this occasion we did want to take a cumbersome electric radiator, being uncertain whether in sub-zero temperatures the heating in our holiday home would meet the demands of a two-year-old daughter who seemed to have picked up every bug going this winter.

We also wanted to carry a toboggan to keep two older children amused, piles of extra bedding (not needed in the end, but very reassuring to pack in the shivering cold), suitcases bursting with anoraks, sweaters and thermals, bags of wellies for all those healthy country walks, several boxes and bags of Christmas leftovers, a few late gifts . . . and a high chair and a baby buggy and a load of toys to keep the little one amused and, of course, a number of bulky presents from which the older children could not bear to be parted so soon after Christmas.

The first pleasant surprise was the ease with which one of the middle seats was removed, a simple matter of releasing a couple of clips at the rear and then pushing it forward. (I'd tried to remove a seat from one of the Shuttle's rivals a few weeks before and given up — with a couple of broken fingernails — after several minutes of struggle.)

The seat was a bulky but not heavy load to lug back into the house, but, because of the generous space between the two middle seats and the legroom in the rear, the floor area opened up in this way was impressive and because of the wide-opening rear door filling it up was no problem.



Sitting pretty: shuffle the seats to suit your situation

One of the much-publicised advantages of the Shuttle is the ease with which the rear bench seat folds into a floor well to provide an almost flat space for large loads. But one of its less-publicised virtues is that, with the rear seat upright, that large floor well (a space taken up by the spare wheel in many vehicles) is available for luggage.

In went the radiator and the high chair and the buggy and several bags and a suitcase and the toys . . . for a moment I wondered whether I'd wasted my time removing the middle seat. But the bags and boxes and cases kept pouring out of the house. So in the space vacated by the middle seat we stacked the biggest suitcase, the boxes of food, the toboggan, the extra bedding and all those irritatingly "useful" bits and bobs that we had left off the first list or discovered in some cranny as we packed.

Then we all climbed in and settled down for a journey in appalling weather conditions. Despite the load, there was plenty of space to spread out; the little one sat snugly in her child seat in the rear while her big sister sprawled across the rest of the bench and fell fast asleep.

Her nine-year-old brother was the only one who stayed awake throughout the trip, sitting in the remaining middle seat issuing a series of orders in unintelligible *Startrek* language as we headed up the M40 through the snow. After all, he explained, it was a "captain's seat" and we were in a space Shuttle.

ENTER OUR PRIZE DRAW TO WIN A CAR WORTH £23,400

Win a Honda Shuttle

You can be the proud owner of a fabulous new Honda Shuttle, the ultimate people carrier, thanks to an exclusive competition in *The Times*. The car, which takes six passengers and is a breeze to drive, is worth more than £23,400.

All you have to do is collect three tokens from *The Times* next week and send them to the address on the coupon below to be entered into a free prize draw.

It goes without saying the Honda is a superb piece of motoring machinery with safety, durability, and reliability as standard. But it also has luxurious extras that make driving it a relaxing and rewarding experience.

The Shuttle is this year's most covetable car. It has power steering that is speed sensitive for easier parking and crisper cornering, the driver's raised position, it has all-round visibility, the dashboard with the feel of an executive car and controls and instruments which are clear and easy to use.

BUILT WITHOUT COMPROMISE

It is remarkably adaptable so whether you are a parent who has to pile in all the family and their paraphernalia or have the sort of hobby which requires you to carry around a lot of equipment, this car will easily fulfil all your requirements. Plus, its overall height is little more than that of an estate car so you can reach the roof comfortably.

There is a two year unlimited mileage warranty, a six year anti corrosion warranty and, as a Honda owner, the winner will enjoy unparalelled after sales service.

If you miss *The Times* one day next week, you can request one token by writing to: Honda Token Request, PO Box 490, London E1 9DW before Tuesday, January 23.

For further details on the new Shuttle and your nearest Honda dealer call: 0345 159 159

HONDA SHUTTLE PRIZE DRAW ENTRY FORM

I enclose three tokens from *The Times* and wish to enter the draw. Post to:
The Times/Honda Shuttle Prize Draw, 134-146 Curtain Road, London EC2 3AR.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms ________ First name ________
PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN BLOCK CAPITALS
Surname ________
Address ________
____
Postcode ________ Day Tel (inc STD code) ________
Current main car: Make ________ Model ________
Reg letter ________ Expected replacement date for your car ________
Is the car owned either? ☐ Privately ☐ Company
I would like more information on the new Shuttle ☐ Yes
I would like to test drive the new Shuttle ☐ Yes

Which of the following age groups do you fall into? (Please tick box)
☐ 1) 15-24 ☐ 2) 25-34 ☐ 3) 35-44 ☐ 4) 45-54 ☐ 5) 55-64 ☐ 6) 55+
Which national daily newspaper(s) do you buy regularly (4-6 copies) during the week?
____
Which national daily newspaper(s) do you buy occasionally (3 copies or less) during the week?
____
____
Which national Sunday newspaper(s) do you buy regularly (2-4 copies a month)?
____
____
Times Newspapers and its marketing partners would like to inform you of future products and offers. If you would prefer not to receive such information, please tick here. ☐

THE TIMES
BUILT WITHOUT COMPROMISE
TOKEN 1

BS

هكذا من الأصل